

INFRASTRUCTURE FACT SHEET

NEW YORK INSTITUTE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION



Last week, students, parents and advocates representing the 4201 Schools Association from across the state traveled to the Capitol to ask for your support for its **Par 3 – Advocacy Agenda**.

As legislators begin working on their One-House Budgets we ask for your continued advocacy for Funding Parity tied to continuing:

- **OPERATIONAL SUPPORT;**
- **ANNUAL EDUCATION INCREASES and**
- **INVESTMENTS IN DEFERRED MAINTENANCE**

After six years of frozen funding and deferred maintenance, an investment in the health and safety of our facilities is critical. The 4201 Schools Association recommends that the 2016-17 State Budget include an investment of **\$11 million** to support deferred maintenance for projects that **enhance safety, improve efficiency and reduce operational costs**.

HERE ARE A FEW SPECIFIC FACTS THAT SPEAK TO OUR INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS:

- The New York Institute for Special Education was founded in 1831.
- During the 2014-15 School Year, The New York Institute for Special Education's energy costs were \$600,098.77.
- The New York Institute for Special Education's heating system supports two buildings on the 21-acre campus. It was installed in 1921. It requires frequent repair and maintenance. The boiler was upgraded from coal to oil and is now running on natural gas. Replacing this will save money, increase efficiency and improve our carbon footprint.
- The New York Institute for Special Education's 14 buildings are beautiful and need roof repairs to continue to provide a safe and healthy environment for the students. The exterior of the roof looks in fair shape, but it is the wooden areas underneath that require extensive work.
- The New York Institute for Special Education has been at its current location for 85 years and the building infrastructure needs continued work, especially with the large valves in the building.