

State Public School Building Fund

2021-2022

The State Public School Building Fund was created to provide state funds for the capital improvement of schools in the state. Such capital improvements include the cost of erecting, repairing, equipping, remodeling, and enlarging school buildings and related facilities.

The financial structure of the State Public School Building Fund is made up of three interlocking, yet distinct features:

- (1) annual grants to school districts
- (2) legislative funding of the program
- (3) state school bonds.

For the past several years, Public School Building Funds, which are set aside through MS Code § 37-47-33, have been redirected to fund MAEP, leaving districts without the resources necessary to make much needed repairs and renovations to their schools.

Additional support for capital improvement of schools has been provided on the local level through local bond elections. The following shows the results of local bond elections during the 2021-2022 school year:

Record of School Bond Elections

2021-2022

School District	Amount	Passed/Failed	Percentage of Voters For/Against
Booneville School District	\$5,750,000	Passed	93.30%/6.70%
Lee County School District	\$8,000,000	Passed	68.9%/31.04%
Marion County School District	\$15,100,000	Failed	32.84%/68.16%
Simpson County School District	\$39,000,000	Failed	42.59%/57.41%
Stone County School District	\$19,750,000	Passed	65.42%/34.55%
Sunflower County Consolidated School District	\$31,000,000	Passed	70.50%/29.50%