



Creating Schools of the Future

District-Wide Needs

Modernize: replace, renovate or remodel old/outdated facilities

Maintenance: Roofing, HVAC, flooring, paint, windows/doors, etc.

Capacity: build new space, eliminate portables, etc.



Average district building is 34 years old, 41 years weighted by square footage

Our #1 goal is revitalizing existing schools!



Elementary classroom of the future

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Middle school classroom of the future

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High school classroom of the future

Science Labs



Eastside High School
Science Lab



Santa Fe High School
Science Building

School Libraries



Santa Fe High School



Eastside High School

Cafeterias



Wiles Elementary



Rawlings Elementary

Classrooms



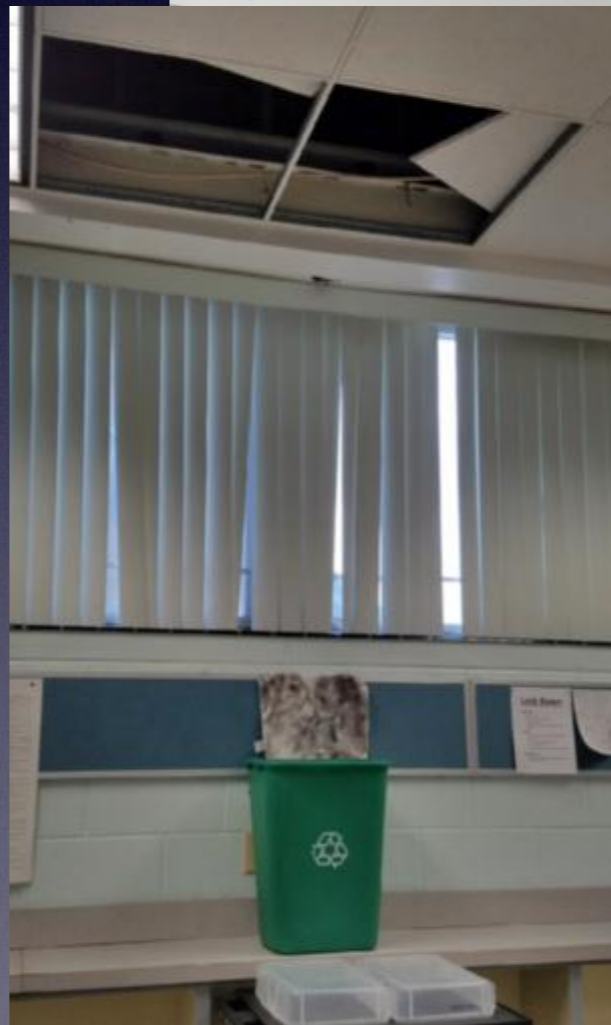
Norton Elementary



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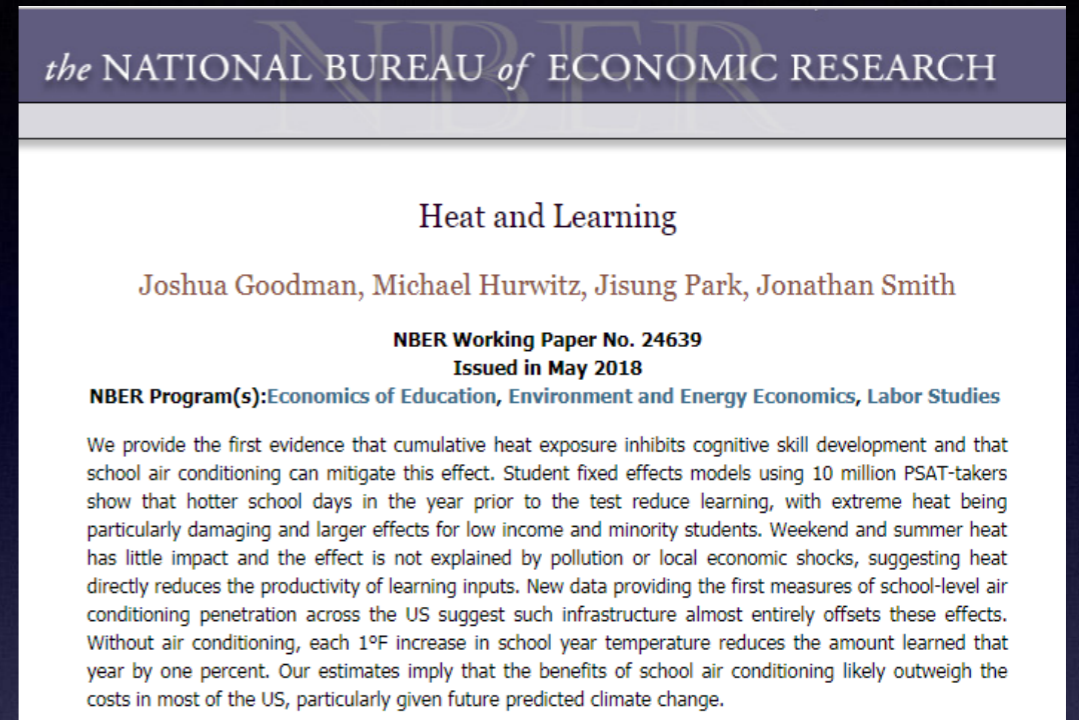
Maintenance

- A majority of AC units and roofs are well past their useful life span
- Currently the district is mostly 'patching'
- Lack of sufficient funding for regular maintenance means bigger and more expensive repairs later on



Why Maintenance Matters

- New study from the National Bureau of Economic Research shows lack of adequate AC hurts student achievement
- “The impact of heat on achievement is three times as large for black and Hispanic students as for white students.”
- The effect of heat accounts for up to 13% of the U.S. racial achievement gap
- Impact is long-lasting and affects future income



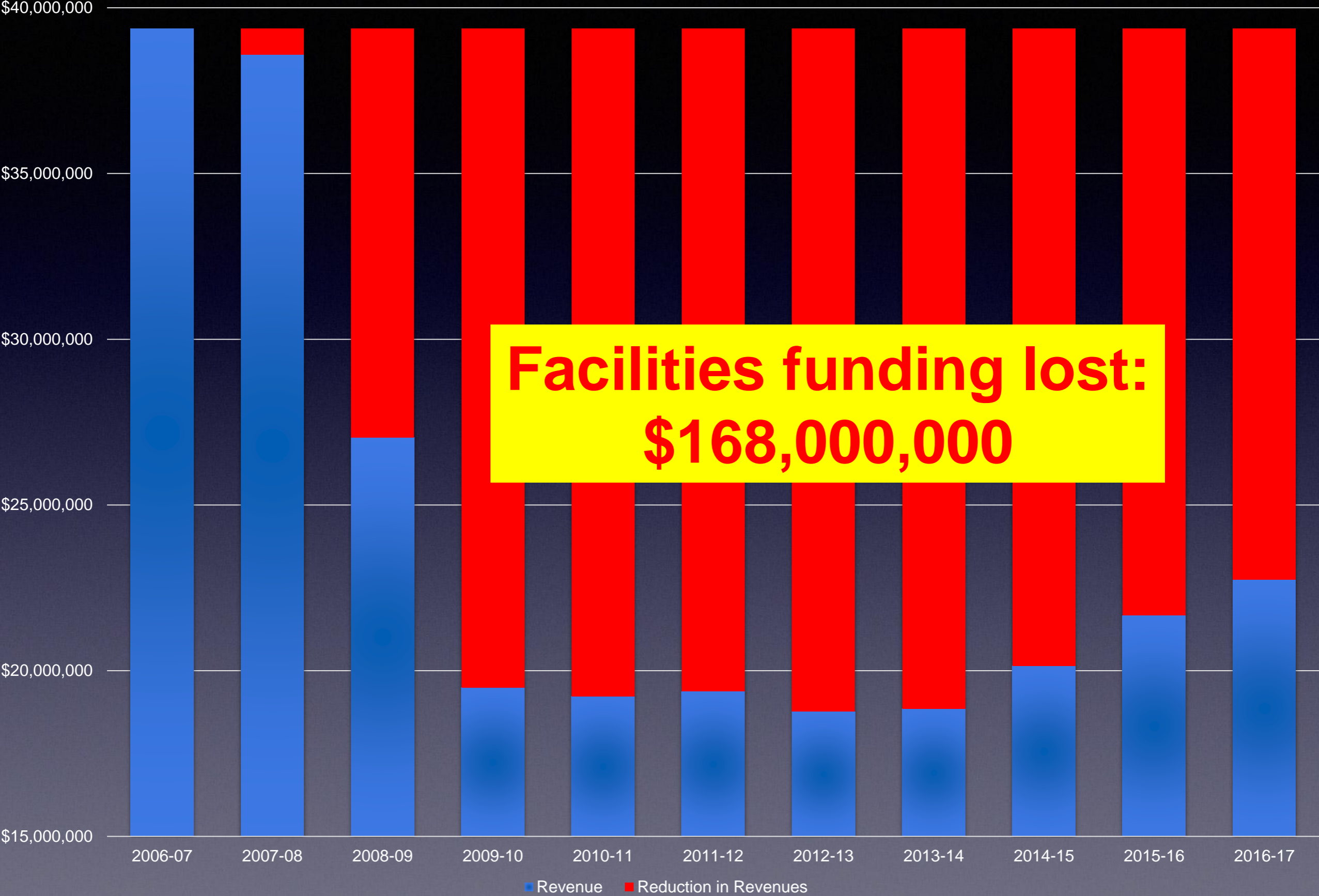
Growth

- Projected students for 2018-19: 29,460 (+335)
- Average increase of 460 students annually for the last five years
- 15 of 20 elementary schools at or above 95% capacity; 11 are over 100% capacity
- 6000+ students in 300+ portables

Facilities Goals

- Revitalize facilities to provide optimal learning environments (renovated classrooms, science labs, technology infrastructure, safety, comfort, etc.)
- Maintain schools on a regular basis
- Ensure core and classroom facilities are adequate for the number of children projected in our schools
- Replace portables with permanent classrooms

Combined State and Local Capital Revenues



**Facilities funding lost:
\$168,000,000**

Sales Tax Referendum



- Half-cent sales tax for 12 years will be placed on 2018 general election ballot
- All revenue generated will stay in Alachua County
- Half cent generates approximately \$22 million a year
- About 25%-35% a year paid by out-of-county visitors

Sales Tax Referendum

- Creates hundreds of local, private sector jobs
- Half-cent tax not charged on food, medicine, other exempted items
- Limited to the first \$5,000 for large purchases, meaning the maximum tax on any single item is \$25
- Independent citizens' oversight committee would review expenditures from $\frac{1}{2}$ cent revenues

Sales Taxes in Surrounding Counties

County	Current Sales Tax Rate
Alachua	6.50%
Union	7.00%
Bradford	7.00%
Clay	7.00%
Putnam	7.00%
Marion	7.00%
Levy	7.00%
Dixie	7.00%
Gilchrist	7.00%
Columbia	7.00%

Annual cost of $\frac{1}{2}$ cent
sales tax for average
Alachua County
household*

\$58

*Based on 2015 figures

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