

# Public School Capital Outlay: How It Works, What's Distinctive About It, Benefits & Needs

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## The Differences In School Capital Outlay From Other Public Sector Infrastructure:

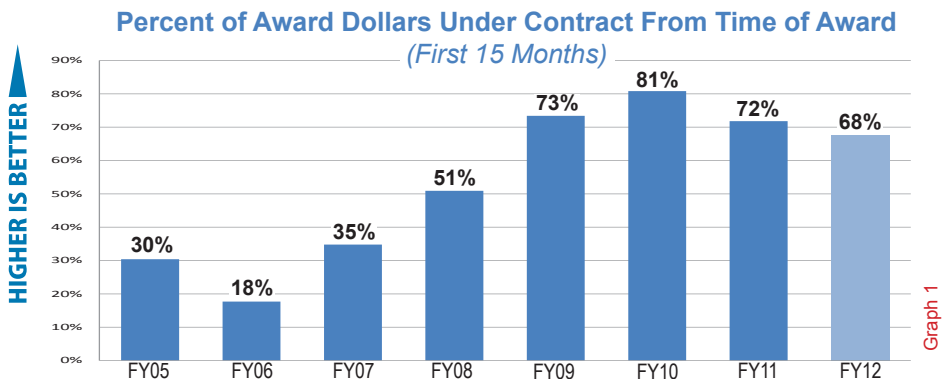
- The New Mexico Public School Capital Outlay process provides adequate and sustainable school facilities and is a result of legislation in response to the Zuni Lawsuit.
- There are approximately 60 million sq.ft. of floor area in New Mexico's public traditional, charter and constitutional schools.
- New Mexico school buildings are ranked objectively by greatest need. All school districts are eligible for state funding *on a level playing field*. **School district surveys rate this funding process as fair and equitable.**
- The state uses its limited resources to take care of the worst needs at the top of the list *first*, maximizing bang for the buck. **State funds often serve as an incentive for local communities to provide matching funds.**
- Over the next 18 months the PSCOC has **\$364.3 million** in funding commitments to projects in development and construction, representing **10,383** direct and indirect jobs in construction and related sectors.

(SOURCE: George Mason University: Each \$1M in new construction (school facilities) spending supports 28.5 full-time, year-round-equivalent jobs.

[US-DOT reports road construction supports 13.0 full-time, year-round-equivalent jobs]

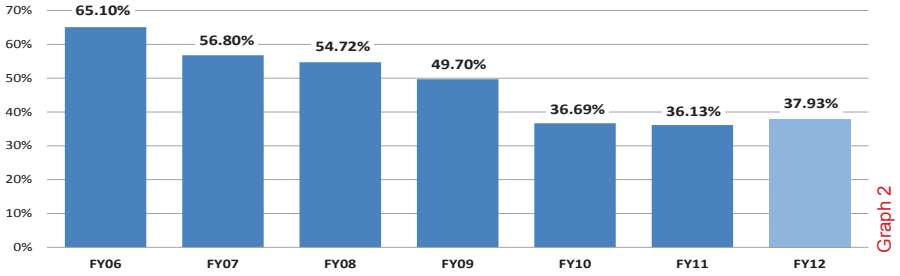
## Public School Capital Outlay And Construction Oversight Is A New Mexico Success Story

- **Money is put to work rapidly via just-in-time awards. 68%** of funds are under contract within the first 15 months of project development.



## Annual Facilities Condition Index (FCI)\* for All New Mexico Schools

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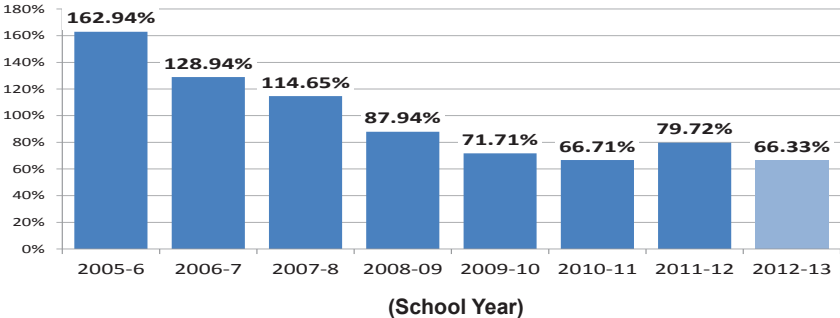
Graph 2

\* FCI = brick and mortar facility condition only.

- **School buildings rate of improvement first slowed and may have begun to reverse** (see graphs 2 and 3). There is a direct relationship between effective and sufficient spending, adequate maintenance, and the average statewide FCI.
- **Regardless of reduced spending, significant school projects continue to be delivered to New Mexico's communities.** In FY12, PSCOC-completed projects included 18 new and newly-renovated schools, and 15 school roof repair/replacements.
- **The PSFA has overseen 519 projects for a total of \$1,399.8 million in award funding.** Current active projects statewide: 141; current dollars under state contract: \$541.8 million.
- **Funding equity issues raised by the Zuni Lawsuit are being addressed.** *In this still open law suit,* the Court is on record that the state is making progress.

## Top 30 Schools On Ranked List Average Weighted New Mexico Condition Index (wNMCI)\*\*

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Graph 3

\*\* wNMCI = FCI + facility's ability to support educational functions.