

**DRAFT ONLY  
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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

K-12 school facilities appropriations.

Sponsored by: Select Committee on School Facilities

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school building and facility projects;  
2 providing appropriations; specifying conditions for  
3 expenditures; requiring reports; and providing for an  
4 effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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**STAFF COMMENT**

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**This draft legislation appropriates \$166,145,759 for school capital construction needs based on the Select Committee on School Facilities' (Select Committee) FY 2025-2026 biennial budget recommendation for K-12 school facilities to the Joint Appropriations Committee and the Governor.**

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**Please note, the draft legislation does not include the FY 2025-2026 funding amounts recommended for: 1) the operation**

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1 of the State Construction Department or the School  
2 Facilities Commission; 2) engineering and technical costs;  
3 and 3) major maintenance. These amounts are traditionally  
4 appropriated in the general government appropriations bill  
5 through agency 027 - State Construction Department. The  
6 School Facilities Commission recommended the following  
7 amounts:

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9 1) Engineering and technical costs - \$700,000.00; and  
10 2) Major maintenance - \$176,112,379.00.

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12 The budget submitted by the School Facilities Commission  
13 did not include costs for the operation of the State  
14 Construction Department or the School Facilities Commission  
15 as included in prior budget requests to the Select  
16 Committee.

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18 In previous bill drafts, a priority was designated for each  
19 project that was tied to the capacity or condition  
20 schedules. The School Facilities Commission's budget did  
21 not include prioritized schedules and did not identify  
22 whether a project qualified for a remedy based on condition  
23 or capacity. As a result, this draft does not include such  
24 designations.

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26 The appropriations for K-12 facilities incorporated in this  
27 draft are from the Public School Foundation Program  
28 Account. Recall, the School Capital Construction Account  
29 will be eliminated pursuant to 2023 Wyoming Session Laws,  
30 Chapter 175, effective July 1, 2024.

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35 Section 1.

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37 (a) This section shall consist of funds appropriated  
38 for K-12 school building and facility needs.

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1           (b) The amounts appropriated from the public school  
2 foundation program account under paragraphs (h)(i), (ii),  
3 (vii) and (viii) of this section are for the period  
4 commencing on the effective date of the appropriation and  
5 ending June 30, 2026, and any unexpended, unobligated funds  
6 remaining from any of these appropriations shall revert to  
7 the public school foundation program account on June 30,  
8 2026.

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10           (c) Each amount appropriated from the public school  
11 foundation program account for a school facility project  
12 under paragraphs (h)(iii), (iv), (v), (vi) and (ix) of this  
13 section shall remain in effect from the effective date of  
14 the appropriation until that project is completed, unless  
15 otherwise provided by law. Upon completion of a project  
16 under this subsection, any unexpended, unobligated funds  
17 remaining from the appropriation for the project shall  
18 revert to the public school foundation program account.

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20           (d) As authorized under W.S. 21-15-119(a)(iii), the  
21 school facilities commission may submit a supplemental  
22 budget request for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and  
23 ending June 30, 2026, for any emergency or unanticipated

1 need, or for any refinement or modification of a project  
2 funded under this section, subject to any constraints or  
3 other requirements imposed by the governor under W.S.  
4 9-2-1013.

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6 (e) An estimated schedule for deploying projects  
7 funded by amounts appropriated under subsection (h) of this  
8 section, as adopted by the school facilities commission and  
9 as contained within the 2025-2026 biennial budget submitted  
10 by the commission under W.S. 21-15-119, shall be used by  
11 the state construction department to the extent practicable  
12 to guide expenditure of appropriated funds. The estimated  
13 schedule shall be based upon information, processes, events  
14 and expenditures and shall not be binding upon the state  
15 construction department or the school facilities  
16 commission.

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18 (f) Amounts appropriated under subsection (h) of this  
19 section shall not be construed to be an entitlement or  
20 guaranteed amount and shall be expended by the school  
21 facilities commission to ensure adequate, efficient and  
22 cost effective school buildings and facilities in  
23 accordance with W.S. 21-15-114(a)(vii).

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2 (g) In addition to accounting and reporting  
3 requirements imposed under W.S. 28-11-301(c)(iv), the state  
4 construction department shall report at least one (1) time  
5 each year on the deployment of amounts to fund projects  
6 under this section in accordance with the deployment  
7 schedule, information on project progression and, if  
8 applicable, the rationale for any deviation from the  
9 estimated schedule. The reports, as approved by the  
10 commission, shall be submitted by the department to the  
11 select committee on school facilities, the joint  
12 appropriations committee and the governor.

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14 (h) The following amounts are appropriated from the  
15 public school foundation program account to the school  
16 facilities commission for the following purposes:

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18 (i) For charter school leases, two million two  
19 hundred sixty-seven thousand three hundred two dollars  
20 (\$2,267,302.00). The funds appropriated under this  
21 paragraph shall be distributed for charter school lease  
22 expenses for school years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 and are  
23 subject to W.S. 21-3-110(a)(x) and the following prescribed

1 maximum amounts:

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3 School		Maximum
4 District	Project	Amount
5		
6 Albany #1	Elementary School	\$568,018
7 Laramie #1	Elementary School	\$872,602
8 Laramie #1	Secondary School	<u>\$826,682</u>
9 Total		\$2,267,302

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11 (ii) For modular buildings and leases, fifty-two  
 12 thousand one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$52,125.00),  
 13 subject to the following prescribed maximum amounts:

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15 School		Maximum
16 District	Lease	Amount
17		
18 Laramie #1	Modular Lease	\$17,375
19 Laramie #1	Modular Lease	\$17,375
20 Laramie #1	Modular Lease	<u>\$17,375</u>
21 Total		\$52,125

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23 (iii) For the following component level major

1 maintenance projects, thirty-seven million one hundred  
 2 thirty-eight thousand five hundred ninety-one dollars  
 3 (\$37,138,591.00), subject to the following prescribed  
 4 maximum amounts:

5	6 School	7 Project	8 Maximum
9	10 District	11	12 Amount
13	14 Uinta #1	15 Middle School	16 \$4,377,392
17	18 Converse #1	19 Middle School	20 \$3,732,426
21	22 Teton #1	23 High School Voc. Building	\$3,795,279
24	25 Converse #2	26 Junior High/High School	\$2,565,293
27	28 Carbon #2	29 Middle/High School	\$2,461,816
30	31 Hot Springs #1	32 High School	\$1,634,048
33	34 Fremont #38	35 Elementary/High School/ 36 Transportation Facility	\$2,208,556
37	38 Sublette #1	39 Admin. Building/High School	\$1,734,458
40	41 Sweetwater #1	42 High School	\$8,249,664
43	44 Converse #1	45 Middle School	\$3,329,264
46	47 Platte #1	48 Elementary School	\$1,235,979
49	50 Sublette #1	51 Admin. Building/High School	<u>\$1,814,416</u>
52	53 Total		\$37,138,591

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1 (iv) For demolition projects, two million six  
 2 hundred thirty-four thousand six hundred ninety-eight  
 3 dollars (\$2,634,698.00), subject to the following  
 4 prescribed maximum amounts:

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6 School		Maximum
7 District	Project	Amount
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9 Platte #1	Middle School	\$1,319,839
10 Albany #1	Elementary School	<u>\$1,314,859</u>
11 Total		\$2,634,698

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13 (v) For other school building and facility  
 14 projects, eighty million one hundred eighty-six thousand  
 15 seven hundred sixty-seven dollars (\$80,186,767.00), subject  
 16 to the following prescribed maximum amounts:

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18 School		Maximum
19 District	Project	Amount
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21 Campbell #1	High School Design	\$7,605,809
22 Campbell #1	Elementary School Construction	\$6,523,420
23 Goshen #1	Elementary/Middle/High	



1		School Renovation Construction	\$21,545,887
2	Laramie #1	Elementary #2 School Design	\$3,006,945
3	Laramie #1	Elementary School #2 Construction	\$38,701,172
4	Niobrara #1	High School Voc. Ag./ Transportation	
5		Facility Construction	<u>\$2,803,534</u>
6	Total		\$80,186,767

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8 (vi) For ancillary building projects, twenty-  
 9 nine million four hundred thirty-two thousand seven hundred  
 10 ten dollars (\$29,432,710.00), subject to the following  
 11 prescribed maximum amounts:

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13	School		Maximum
14	District	Project	Amount
15	Crook #1	Transportation Facility Design	\$602,727
16	Crook #1	Transportation Facility Construction	\$7,718,943
17	Lincoln #2	Transportation Facility Design	\$776,974
18	Lincoln #2	Transportation Facility Construction	\$9,864,102
19	Platte #1	Transportation Facility Design	\$758,325
20	Platte #1	Transportation Facility Construction	<u>\$9,711,639</u>
21	Total		\$29,432,710

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23 (vii) For the acquisition of a portion of an

1 elementary school located in Natrona county school district  
2 number one, three million five hundred thousand dollars  
3 (\$3,500,000.00);

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5 (viii) For professional consulting expertise and  
6 other administrative costs to conduct studies as approved  
7 by the commission to determine the most cost effective and  
8 efficient approach to deliver quality educational services  
9 and address building and facility needs, one million  
10 dollars (\$1,000,000.00);

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12 (ix) For unanticipated costs associated with the  
13 projects funded under paragraphs (h)(iii) through (viii) of  
14 this subsection, nine million two hundred thirty-three  
15 thousand five hundred sixty-six dollars (\$9,233,566.00).

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17 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2024.

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