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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### State Facilities Leaders Call for PK–12 Public Schools in Federal Infrastructure Initiative

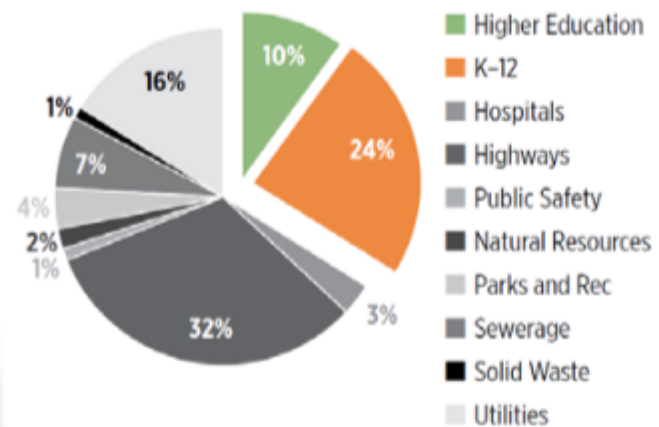
**Washington, D.C. – Dec. 12, 2016 –** Leaders of the PK–12 facilities agencies of 25 states convened in Washington, D.C. in early December for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the **National Council on School Facilities**. The National Council passed a resolution calling for **"PK–12 public school buildings and grounds [to] be included in federal programs to address infrastructure needs."**

As the new administration begins to plan for a large infrastructure initiative, it should be noted that our nation's PK–12 school infrastructure—with a 2014 replacement value of \$2 trillion—ranks second only to highways for state and local capital spending (see chart).

From 1995 to 2014, and without federal assistance, school districts spent an average of \$49 billion per year on school construction capital outlay. To meet modern standards for responsible stewardship of their existing PK–12 facilities inventory, the nation's school districts should spend \$77 billion per year.

Any federal public infrastructure bill should help close this gap. Not only will doing so improve the health, safety and education of children in public schools, but it will support as many as 1.3 million good American jobs.

Percent of total state and local capital outlay, 1995–2012



Source: U.S. Census of Governments, State and Local Government F-13 Fiscal Survey, FY 1995–2012, omitting 1997, 2001, 2003