

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY

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WHAT WE DO

The School Construction Authority (SCA) is accountable for new school construction and major renovations to existing schools. SCA is responsible for all capital planning, budgeting, designing, and construction. The Authority manages the development and implementation of the Department of Education's Five-Year Capital Plan, identifies and acquires sites for new schools, leases buildings for schools, designs and constructs new facilities, and performs repairs and enhancements of the existing portfolio.

FOCUS ON EQUITY

SCA is committed to designing and constructing safe, attractive, and environmentally sound public schools for children throughout all of the City's communities. SCA has set its priorities, including reducing overcrowding, upgrading schools, and improving access to technology to reflect this commitment. The Fiscal 2025–2029 Five Year Capital Plan provides funding for tens of thousands of new seats in areas with current over-utilization and projected enrollment growth, as well as to reduce the reliance on temporary structures. Furthermore, the Capital Plan calls for much needed improvements for aging infrastructure as well as enhancements to ensure more equitable access by all children throughout the five boroughs.

OUR SERVICES AND GOALS

SERVICE 1 Design and construct new schools, additions and capital improvement projects authorized by the Department of Education.

- Goal 1a Produce the number of new school seats authorized by the Department of Education's Five-Year Capital Plan.
- Goal 1b Achieve cost efficiencies in construction.
- Goal 1c Increase the number of capital improvement projects completed on schedule and within budget.
- Goal 1d Ensure project safety and quality.

HOW WE PERFORMED

- The percentage of capital improvement projects constructed on time or early increased by 10 percentage points from 40 percent in the first four months of Fiscal 2024 to 50 percent in the same period of Fiscal 2025.
- The percentage of capital improvement projects constructed within budget increased to 87 percent in the first four months of Fiscal 2025, a slight increase from 81 percent in the same period last year.

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Goal 1a

Produce the number of new school seats authorized by the Department of Education's Five-Year Capital Plan.

Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY24	FY25
Total new seats created	8,934	6,532	11,270	6,254	6,254	0	0
★ New schools constructed	32	23	14	7	7	NA	NA
★ New additions constructed	3	2	10	4	4	NA	NA
★ Critical Indicator ● Equity Indicator "NA" Not Available ⬆️⬆️ Directional Target * None							

Goal 1b

Achieve cost efficiencies in construction.

Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY24	FY25
★ Construction bid price for school capacity projects per square foot (\$)	\$905	\$912	\$894	\$900	\$900	NA	NA
Average new school construction cost per square foot – Elementary (\$)	\$824	\$875	\$834	*	*	NA	NA
– Intermediate (\$)	\$713	\$813	\$725	*	*	NA	NA
– High school (\$)	\$724	\$846	NA	*	*	NA	NA
★ Critical Indicator ● Equity Indicator "NA" Not Available ⬆️⬆️ Directional Target * None							

Goal 1c

Increase the number of capital improvement projects completed on schedule and within budget.

Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY24	FY25
New schools and additions – Construction funds committed as a percent of initial authorized budget (%)	93.2%	95.4%	92.3%	100.0%	100.0%	NA	NA
★ Scheduled new seats constructed on time (%)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	NA	NA
★ Capital improvement projects constructed on time or early (%)	47%	31%	43%	60%	60%	40%	50%
★ Capital improvement projects constructed within budget (%)	72%	77%	78%	80%	80%	81%	87%
★ Critical Indicator ● Equity Indicator "NA" Not Available ⬆️⬆️ Directional Target * None							

Goal 1d

Ensure project safety and quality.

Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY24	FY25
Ultimate cost of insurance losses (as % of construction value) (CY)	8.55%	8.71%	7.39%	*	*	NA	NA
★ Critical Indicator ● Equity Indicator "NA" Not Available ⬆️⬆️ Directional Target * None							

AGENCY RESOURCES

Resource Indicators	Actual ¹			Sept. 2024 MMR Plan	Updated Plan	Plan	4-Month Actual	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY25 ²	FY26 ²	FY24	FY25
Personnel	835	883	947	1,059	1,059	1,059	913	943
Capital commitments (\$000,000)	\$4,323.1	\$4,654.4	\$3,882.8	\$5,421.0	\$5,121.7	\$4,000.0	\$724.4	\$1,022.9
¹ SCA Actual Commitments. ² January 2025 Financial Plan. "NA" - Not Available								

NOTEWORTHY CHANGES, ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

- The indicators ‘Capital improvement projects constructed on time or early (%)’ and ‘Capital improvement projects constructed within budget (%)’ were revised to align with the calculations of other reporting capital agencies. Adjustments were made to measure the percent of on time or early completion and within budget completion for capital projects with substantial completion within 30 days of the scheduled date, rather than within 15 days as was previously reported, as well as to be inclusive of only actualized completed construction projects. The original indicators were removed and replaced with new indicators of the same names with historic data reflecting the methodology change.
- The previously published Fiscal 2025 target for ‘Capital improvement projects constructed on time or early (%)’ was revised from 80 percent to 60 percent to reflect the new methodology.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For more information on the agency, please visit: www.nycsca.org.