

# Resources for the State Aid for School Construction Working Group

## Purpose

[Act 149 of 2024](#) ordered the creation of the State Aid for School Construction Working Group to examine, make recommendations and propose legislation for a statewide school construction aid program. The resources below will help inform the Working Group before and during their first meeting on July 30, 2024.

## School Construction Taskforce Report

The [School Construction Taskforce report](#) was submitted to the legislature pursuant to [Act 78 of 2023](#).

The School Construction Taskforce analyzed the results of the School Facilities Assessment ([Act 72 of 2021](#)) and discussed recommendations for further inquiry and steps forward. The Taskforce's process and recommendations are detailed in the report and will inform the priorities of the State Aid for School Construction Working Group.

## Rhode Island School Construction Aid Program

The State of Rhode Island has a successful model for school construction aid that is broadly applicable to Vermont for reasons detailed in the School Construction Taskforce Report above. The report recommends further analysis and understanding of the Rhode Island model for their governance, programmatic, and funding structures. The Vermont Legislature heard testimony from Rhode Island twice in the 2023-2024 biennium, both testimonies and their corresponding slide decks are linked below:

February 9, 2023 testimony covered a high-level overview of Rhode Island's governance, financing, and programming.

- [Joint hearing testimony](#)
- [Slide Deck from Mario Carreño](#)

January 24, 2024 testimony involved updates and discussion with the House Education committee and members of the Agency of Education.

- [House Education/AOE Discussion](#)
- [Rhode Island School Building Authority Capital Fund Report 2023](#)

