

## Public Schools Foot the Bill for Facility Costs

State support for funding school facilities has **plummeted to seven percent** in 2017 from 45 percent in 2001.<sup>1</sup>

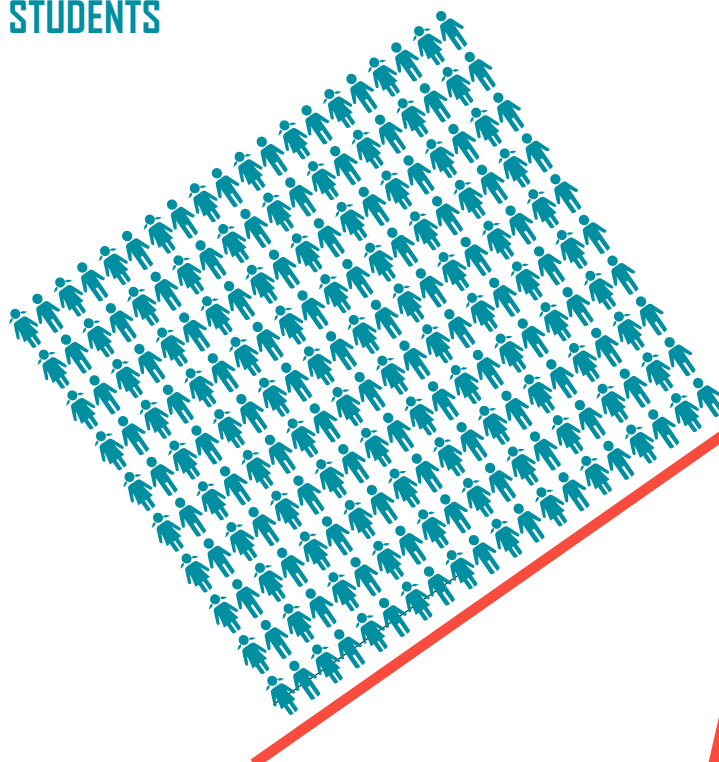
Districts have their hands tied in raising taxes for facilities like classrooms and science labs. The state restricts how much debt a school district can finance for facilities. Under these restrictions, **34 districts are barred from funding new facilities.**<sup>2</sup>

Fast growth districts – which enroll a minimum of 2,500 students and experience ten percent growth in a five-year period with an increase of 3,500 students or more – educate a third of Texas students and over 78 percent of new Texas students in 2016.<sup>3</sup> Most of these districts **do not qualify for state aid** for facilities because that funding is for districts with extremely low property values, so they're left to handle space constraints on their own.

### State Support for School Facilities Has Plummeted Since 2001

**1 MILLION MORE  
STUDENTS**

**35% LESS  
STATE FACILITIES AID**



- 1 Fast Growth School Coalition. (2018, Jan.) Economic Impact Analysis: Fast-Growth School Districts in Texas; Legislative Budget Board FY 2017-2019.
- 2 Fast Growth School Coalition (2017). Myths & Realities.
- 3 Fast Growth School Coalition. (2018, Jan.) Economic Impact Analysis.