

Underinvestment in Capital Facilities of Michigan's Urban Schools

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- School facilities are important for student outcomes and community development
- Facility quality varies greatly across Michigan school districts, and is highly correlated with local property wealth
- Children in Michigan's poorest districts have barely half the capital assets as students in high-income districts, yet capital millage rates are double in the poorer communities
- Michigan is one of a few states that offer no state aid for school facilities
- A range of state policies could bring every child's school up to an adequate standard

