2020-21 Report on the 5-year facility needs of North Carolina School Systems

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Introduction

- Every five years, local boards of education are required by G.S.115C-521(a) to submit their Facility Needs Assessment (long-range plans) to the State Board of Education.
- School Planning, School Operations Division, developed a uniform reporting system to assist the local school units in preparing this list of needs.
- The program contains a list of schools, 2019-20 ADM for each school, and DPI's annual ADM membership projections. Typical unit costs and building area standards from the NC Public Schools Facilities Guidelines are built into the program.
- In addition, the program does most of the math as data are entered.
- The program saves all information for reporting and electronic submission. Two summary reports, to verify the electronic data, and a certification are the only paper forms used.

Program Installation

Supported Operating Systems

Pentium processor-based personal computer; Windows 7, Windows 8, or Windows 10 operating system. 4 MB of RAM, 75 MB of available hard disk space. Forms are optimized for 800 X 600, or 1024 x 768 screen resolutions.

Microsoft Access Database Program

The Facilities Needs Survey program runs with Microsoft Access. The computer that will be running this program will need to have Microsoft Access installed on that computer. If you have installed MS Office 2007 Professional or later, Access is part of the Office software. Verify that you have MS Access 2007 or later running on the computer.

Download the 2020 FNS Program

We recommend that you create a new folder on the C: Drive named C:\FacilitiesNeeds2020. (You can create a folder anywhere that is convenient to you.)

Download the 2020 Facility Needs Survey from the School Planning website:

https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/district-operations/school-planning



To Start the Program

Open the folder where the Facilities Needs program is located.

Click the Access application program: FacilitiesNeeds2020_LEA_v2.0

The program requires a passcode when first opened:



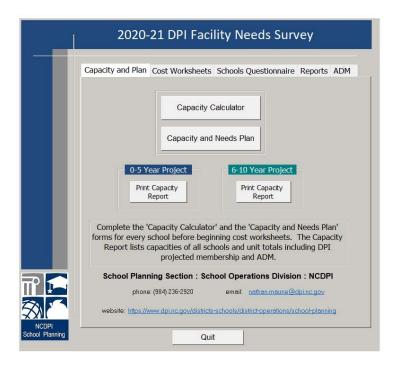
Enter your assigned passcode.

(The passcode is a 6 digit number that was sent via email to the Superintendent.)

After entering the passcode, click the "**OK**" button, and in the next window verify that the LEA/county information is correct. If you've entered the correct number, the program will be customized for your LEA. This is the only time you will have to enter your password.

The names, school numbers, and 5th Month's 2019-20 ADM figures are recorded for all of your schools as well as new schools that have been assigned a school number by NCDPI.

The Main Menu replaces the password screen:



General Instructions

There are three main parts to the survey, plus the reporting part.

The first part, "Capacity and Plan" will be used to indicate the current and planned (5-10 years) capacity of all schools. Also, it will indicate the needs identified at every school in the school system, or planned school, for the next 5-10 years.

The "Capacity and Plan" part must be completed before the second part "Cost Worksheets" can begin. The second part provides a standardized cost estimate for the needs identified in the first part.

The "Schools Questionnaire" section of the FNS collects detailed information about each school facility. This data will generate a statistical summary to assist with identifying broad trends in school facilities statewide.

The fourth part "Reports" is used to print the summary reports and certification.

MAIN MENU

The Main Menu is shown below. It consists of several steps organized in the order of data entry and reporting for individual schools. The following is the overall process for completing the Facility Plan in logical order.



1.0 Capacity Calculator Form

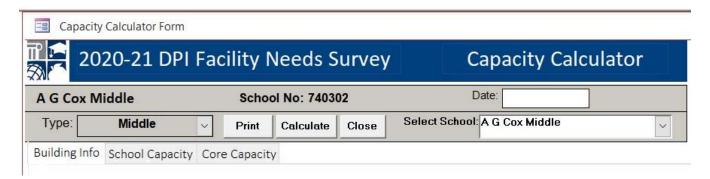
The **Capacity Calculator Button** will open the **Capacity Calculator Form**. This form must be completed for each school prior to proceeding with other forms. The Capacity Calculator Form has three parts; Building Information, School Capacity and Core Capacity. This form is required to be completed as the data will be used in other forms and reports.

Completion of this form may require information from different staff members with unique knowledge of the facility. For example, facility maintenance staff may have the Utility Information where the school principal will know the current classroom quantity and usage of the building. Blank forms may be printed for distribution to and manual completion by staff personnel. Click on each tab to complete the form.

There is predetermined data for LEAs and Schools listed with DPI and assigned a school number. Selecting the school from the **Select School** drop-down box will select the school. Enter the date and verify that the **Type** (grade level) is correct for that school. If incorrect, select the appropriate **Type** from the drop-down list. This is important for success in subsequent steps.

Note: As the data is entered, the calculations may not complete until the Calculate Button is pressed or the form is closed. In the latter case, when form is reopened the calculations will be complete.

Printing: The "Print Button" will only print the Tab section not the complete form. You will have to print each Tab section in order to have printed the complete form and its data entries.



1.1 Capacity Calculator - Building Info Tab

The information gathered in the **Building Info** section of the form is related to the campus and building itself. The first section will list the history of major construction that occurred on the campus. For example, an original building may have had several additions over the life of the building. List each with the associated requested information. The form will handle up to 5 projects.

Select the school using the pull-down list *Select School* or the arrow at the bottom of the form. Enter the date, Select the appropriate *Type* from the pull-down list which will define the grade span. This is critical for successful usage in subsequent steps.

Building Construction History. Enter the construction history at the school beginning with the original building and listing the additions to the school. The "Condition" and "Accessibility" fields are drop down boxes with information that will provide consistency in the data concerning the individual construction. Expanded definitions of each of the selections can be found by clicking the respective heading "Condition" and "Accessibility".

General Building Information

Form Instructions: Enter building construction history for this school. For example, original building, classroom addition, mini-gym addition, etc. Also complete the requested information concerning the particular construction..

Building Construction History

For definition Press Condition or Accessibility

Building	Year Built	SF Area	Condition	Accessibility
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School Total Area	SF	0	Enter the total square feet area of school.
School Site Acreage	Acreage	0	Enter the total site acreage of school.

Utility Cost and Consumption. Enter the energy cost and consumption for the school for FY 2019-20 as this will be the most current at this time.

Utility Costs

Complete the following utility cost for FY 2019-20. If there are solar arrays on the site or school roof, complete Solar Energy section.

UTILITY COST (\$)			VALUE OF SOLAR ENERGY (\$)		
ELEC	GAS	WATER / SEWER	USED	SOLD TO UTILITY	
0	0	0	0	0	
U	TILITY CONSUPTION	ON	SOLAR ENERG	SY CONSUMPTION	
ELEC (MW)	GAS (THERM)	ON WATER (GAL)	SOLAR ENERG USED (MW)	SOLD TO UTILITY (MW)	

Mobile Units. Enter the number of mobile units of each size in the boxes provided. Then enter the number of teaching stations for each size of mobile or modular unit.

Mobile Units	Note: The capac totals.	city of mobile classroom units is NOT includ	ed in the so	chool capacity
Mobile Units Type	No	Teaching Stations	no.	Capacity
Single Wide		Total Teaching Stations		
Double Wide		Total Teaching Stations		
Mega-module	3	Total Teaching Stations		
Total from Above		Total from Above		
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Select the button to "Continue to School Capacity."

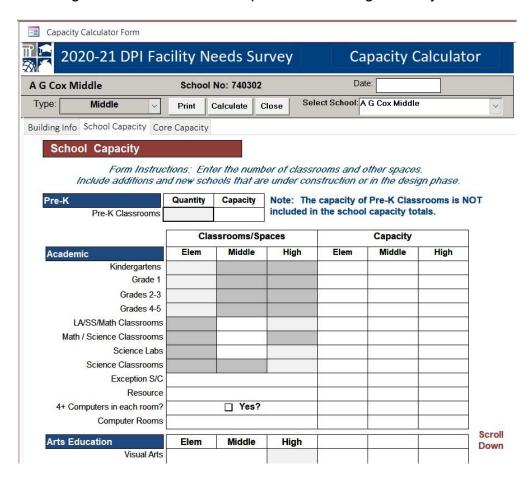
1.2 Capacity Calculator - School Capacity Tab

The **School Capacity** section of the form is a listing of the space usage that will determine the current capacity of the school. This is important in determining the current under or over utilization of the current school. This form will reflect the current usage for the 2020-21 school year.

Enter the number of each type of classroom or other space in the "Classroom/Spaces" fields. Note that some boxes are gray, based on the "Type" or grade level of school. These boxes cannot be used when shaded gray. Be sure to fill in all applicable spaces because capacity may be deducted for missing facilities. For example, if you do not have at least four computer stations in each classroom, it is expected that you will have a dedicated computer room. Also, if you do not have certain Arts or Vocational rooms, your capacity will be reduced, because we assume you will have to use a standard classroom to serve these functions. Do not include classes that are in mobile units in the number of "classrooms."

The program will do the calculations by pressing "Calculate" button. The form <u>must be</u> "Scrolled Down" to fill in the lower sections of the form.

After completing and exiting the form, the school data will reappear on reopening the form and selecting the school. The data input can be changed to adjust the information entered.

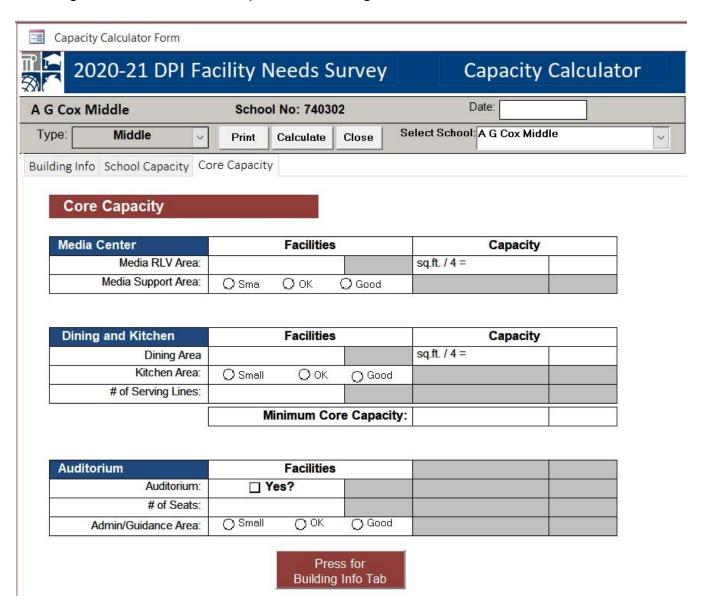


At the bottom on the screen, select "Continue to Core Capacity."

1.3 Capacity Calculator - Core Capacity Tab

The **Core Capacity** section of the form is a continuation of the capacity of the school. This section primarily concerns itself with the required core spaces (Media and Dining) for the school and the adequacy to support the current school capacity. Enter the square feet of the individual spaces. Calculations will be performed when the "Calculate Button" is pressed.

After completing and exiting the form, the school data will reappear on reopening the form and selecting the school. The data input can be changed to correct the information.

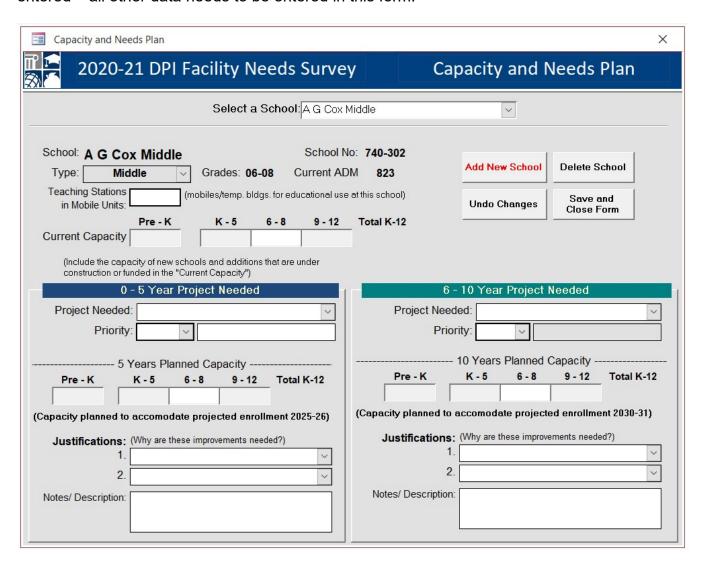


Close the form to return to the main menu.

2.0 Capacity and Needs Plan Form

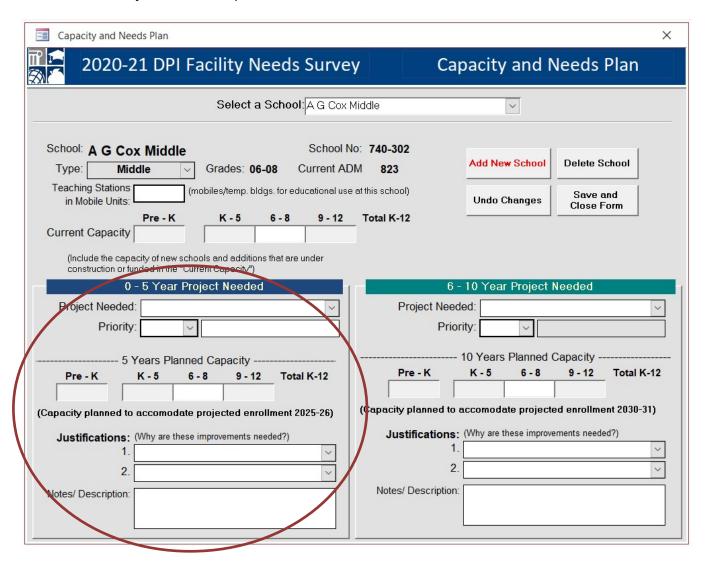
After completing the Capacity Calculation form, the next step is to prepare for your future needs. This form evaluates the needs for each school for the next 0 to 5 years and 6 to 10 years. From the Main Menu, click the **Capacity and Needs Plan** button.

Complete this form for <u>every school</u> even if there is no construction planned. From the **Capacity Calculator** form, the number of mobile units and current capacity will already be entered – all other data needs to be entered in this form.



2.1 Capacity and Needs Plan - 0 to 5 Year Project Needed

In the *0-5 Year Project Needed* area, select a *Project Needed* from the pull-down list. Selecting "addition", "addition/ renovation", or "renovations" will make available the cost forms (to be filled in later) to estimate additions and renovations. Selecting "new school" or "new school (replace on site)" will make available the new schools cost form (to be filled in later). Choose a *Priority* from the drop-down list.



No School Construction Planned: If you have no need for construction at this school for the next five years, select "None Needed" in the *Project Needed* box. The priority should be "blank".

Closed Facility: Use "Close Facility" for existing schools that will be replaced by new facilities. The planned capacity should be zero.

Projects Under Construction or in Final Design Stage: Projects that are under construction or in final design stages should <u>not</u> be added to these (project needed) categories. However, the capacity after the work is complete should be included in the 'Current Capacity' figures.

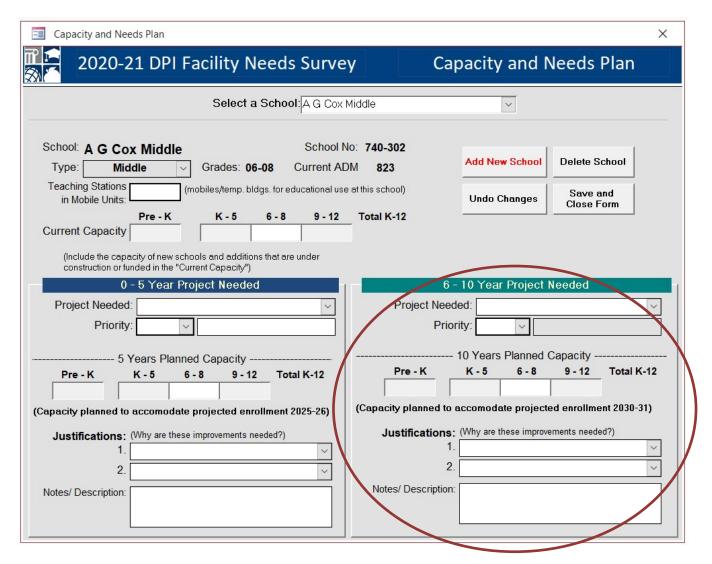
Planned Capacity: Fill in the 5 Year Planned Capacity for the school - even if the capacity will be unchanged (note: additions such as core facilities or replacing existing classrooms may not increase capacity).

Justifications: Select your two main reasons the improvements are needed from the pull down lists for *Justifications*.

Notes: Fill in any notes, explanations, etc. you wish in the *Notes/Description* field.

2.2 Capacity and Needs Plan - 6 to 10 Year Project Needed

This program allows the planning of two projects at each school – one in the 0-5 year time frame, and one in the 6-10 year time frame. To plan for a second project, in the 6-10 Year Project Needed area, select a Project Needed from the pull-down list, and proceed as described previously. If you have no need for construction at this school for the 6-10 year period, select "none needed" in the Project Needed box. The priority should be "blank". The 10-year Planned Capacity can be copied from the 5-year Planned Capacity.

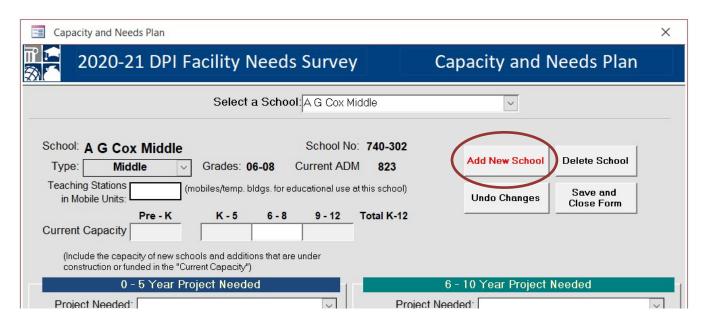


Please make sure that a planned capacity for 0-5 years, and for 6-10 years, is <u>shown for each and every school</u>, unless that school is going to be closed.

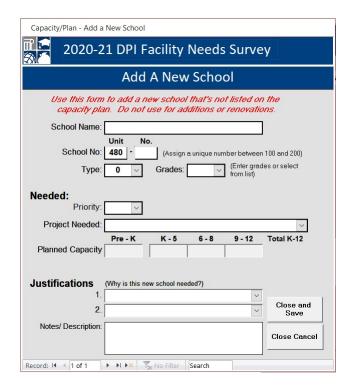
Note: Cost Worksheets will be available ONLY for those schools, and for those years, for which Needs are identified on this form.

2.4 Add New School Form

For schools that are **NOT** on the list, use the "Add New School" button to open the form.



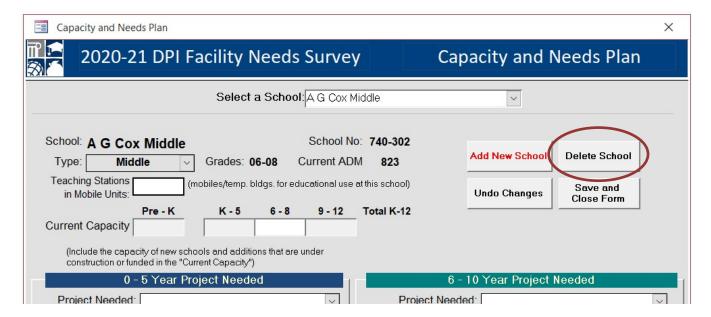
This form is similar to the capacity plan form but does not include "current capacity". The following window will open. You will need to fill in a school name, assign a temporary school number (or the permanent school number if known), and choose the *Type* of school, and the *Grades* level. Fill in the other boxes as previously described.



When the form input has been completed, click on "Save and Close."

2.5 Delete School Button

Use the "**Delete School**" button on the capacity form to eliminate any duplicate schools in the list or if you change your mind about adding a new school. Do not delete any schools that were in operation in May of 2020. Show the planned capacity as **zero** for schools that will be closed.



When you delete a school, you will receive the following message...

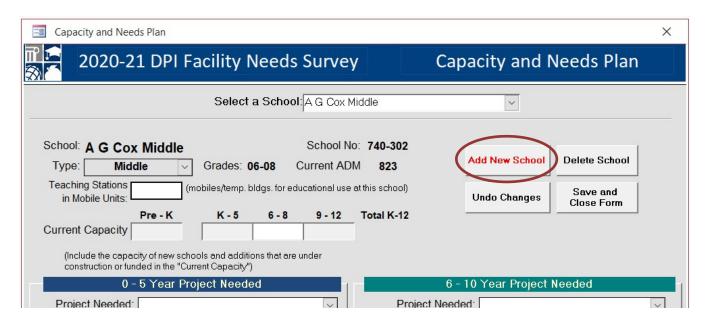


Please make sure you are **ABSOLUTELY SURE** want to delete this school, because the record, once deleted, cannot be restored.

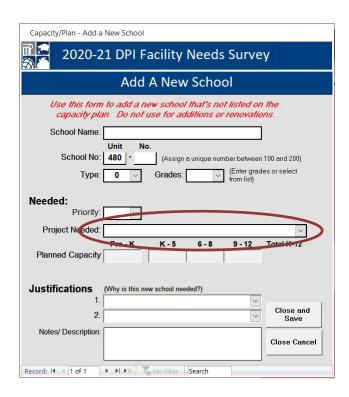
2.6 Reopening a Closed School

If you have a school that has previously been closed (and therefore is not included in the list of your active schools), but you want to reopen it, proceed as follows:

From the "Capacity and Needs Plan" form, click the "Add New School" red button, which will open the "Add New School" form.



On the Add New School Form, select "Renovations" in the Project Needed block. DO NOT select "New School." Fill in the other information such as school name and number, priority, etc. Close and Save the form.



Go to the "Cost Worksheets" tab and click on the "Additions & Renovations" button in the "0 to 5 Year Project" section. Select the Reopened School in the "Select School" drop-down list. Input information for the renovations desired. Close the form. (See detailed instructions, on using the Cost Worksheet Form below).

Check the "Cost Summary" report. The work for this school should be shown.

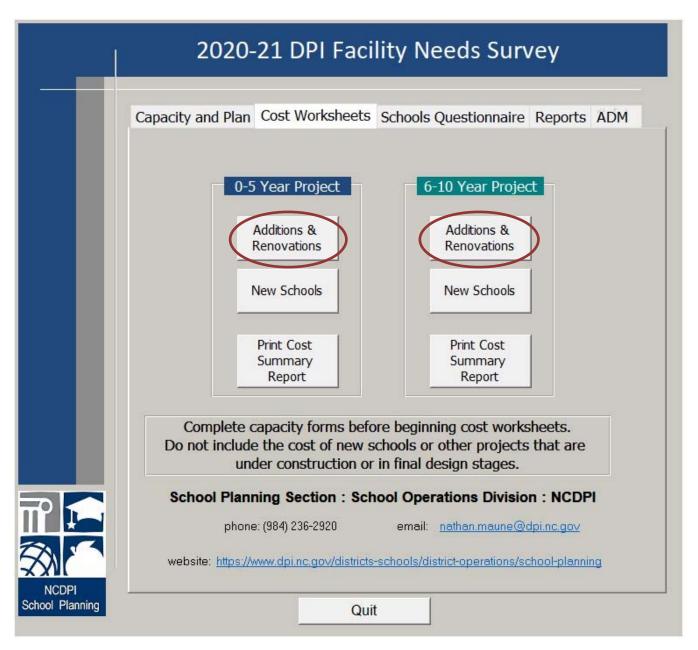
The "Capacity Report" can be printed any time to see the list of schools, ADM, and DPI membership projections from this form; it's also required to be printed in the "Reports" section of the survey.

3.0 Cost Worksheets Tab

The Cost Worksheets tab allows for running cost estimates for the 0 to 5 Year Projects and the 6 to 10 Year Projects. The Additions & Renovations button and the New School button will open respective cost estimate forms ONLY if additions and/or renovations have been indicated in the Capacity and Needs Plan form.

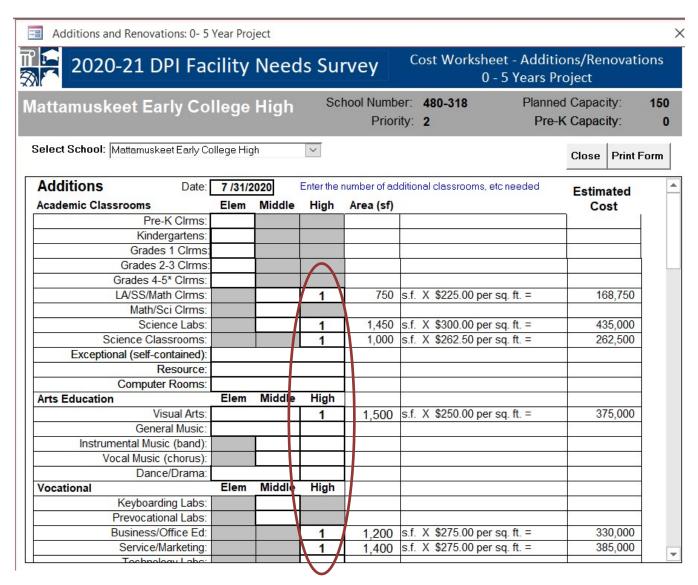
3.1 Cost Worksheet Tab - Additions & Renovations Form

Click the "Additions & Renovations" button will open the form for the planned project time frame. The forms are similar for both the 0-5 Year Project and 6-10 Year Project.



3.2 Additions

Select the school from the pull-down list and enter today's date. Enter the numbers of classrooms and other spaces to be added (entry will generally be limited to spaces appropriate to the type of school). The square foot area and estimated cost will be calculated based on the numbers of classrooms indicated. (sample below)



Physical Education and other core areas check boxes add a typical sized facility based on the school capacity. Square footage area can be overridden if your situation is different.

Note: You will find that some boxes are "grayed-out" so that data cannot be entered. This is based on the grade level ("Type") selected for each individual school on the "Capacity Calculator" or "Capacity and Needs Plan" sheet. If you want to enter data in a box that is "grayed-out," return to those sheets and ensure that the grade level for that particular school is entered correctly.

Core Facilities – Checking this box will add a new dining room and kitchen automatically sized for your enrollment.

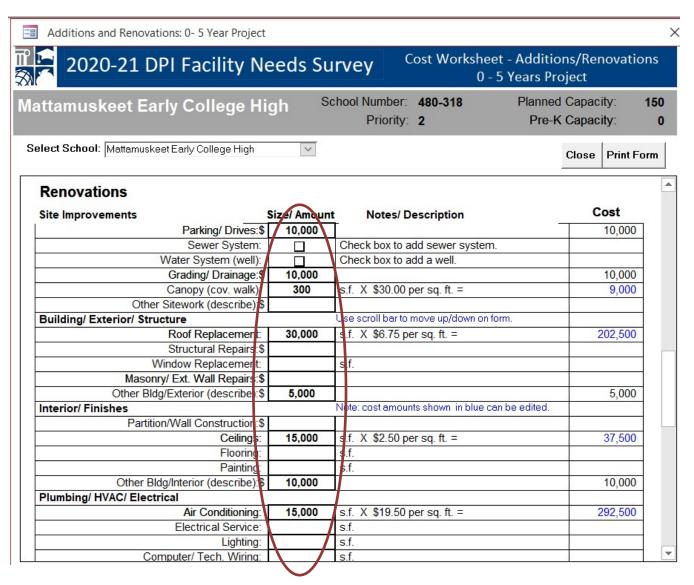
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Service/Marketing:	\					
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Agri/Trade+Ind:			670.78			
Physical Education,etc	Elem	Middle	High			
P.E./ Multi/ Main Gymnasium:				1	Check to add new facility	
Auxiliary Gym:					Check to add new facility	
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Kitchen Area:		1.5		100	s.f. X \$375.00 per sq. ft. =	37,500
# of Serving Lines:		1		320	s.f. X \$300.00 per sq. ft. =	96,000
Auditorium:				1,000	s.f. X \$375.00 per sq. ft. =	375,000
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	11100	S	ubtotals:	39,670	s.f.	9,825,375
	Bldg. S	upport/Cir	culation:	13,884	s.f. X \$250.00 per sq. ft. =	3,471,000
	Total /	Area (s.f.)	Added:	53,554	Const. Cost (\$248.28/s.f.):	\$13,296,375

Entering a number of square feet in this field will let you "add to" your existing dining / kitchen facilities, so that you can control the area to be added.

If additional land is needed, enter the number of acres, cost per acre, and/or total cost of the additional acreage, in the appropriate boxes.

3.3 Renovations

The Renovations section of the form is located towards the end of the form. When renovations are needed, indicate the square footage or cost as requested for the needed renovations.

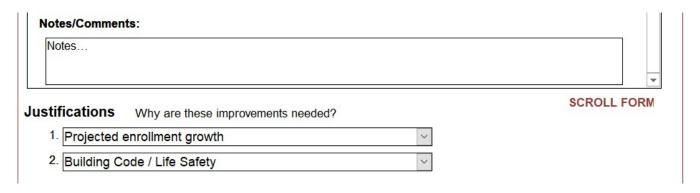


Note: In some fields, you are asked to enter your estimate of the cost of the work (\$); in some blanks, you are asked to enter the area (s.f.) of the work to be done. As you enter the correct data, cost calculations are automatic by default. Default costs that are calculated can be overridden if necessary.

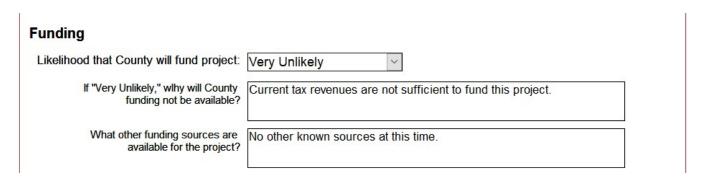
Furnishing/Equipment costs are automatically calculated for additions and for kitchen equipment and media center furnishings if new facilities are added. You'll need to add "other furniture/equipment" if needed for renovations or partial replacement (check the kitchen equipment or media center furnishings to add *complete* kitchen or media equipment).

Furn./ Eqpt. for Addition*:		\$13,296,375 x 0.094. =	1,249,859
Kitchen Equipment:	V	Check to add kitchen equipment	150,000
Media Center Furnishings*:	V	Check to add media center furnishings	52,000
Other Furn./ Egpt. (describe):	5,000		5,000

Justifications. Complete the bottom of the form. Select the Justifications for the project from the choices listed in the drop down field.

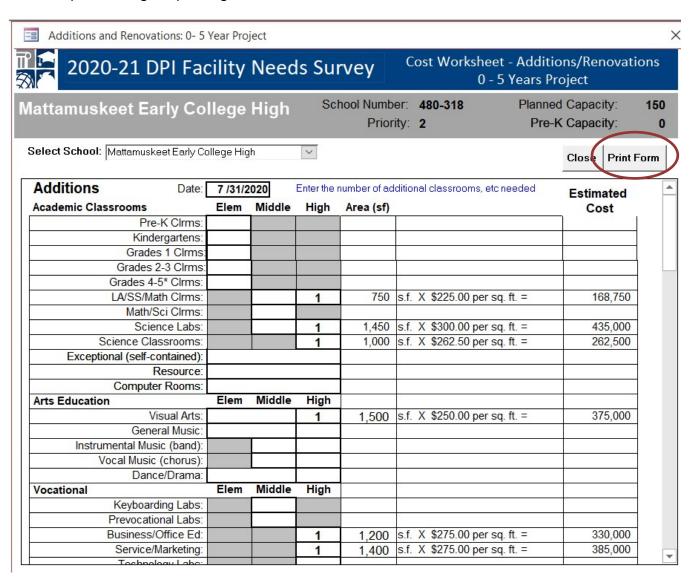


Funding. Complete the Funding section. Select the "Likelihood" of funding from the drop down box. Answer the two questions concerning funding with a narrative in the two respective boxes.



3.4 Printing Form

You can print any addition/renovation form using the "**Print Form**" button on the upper right corner of the form. This will load a Print Preview. The Print button in the upper left corner will load the print dialog for printing.

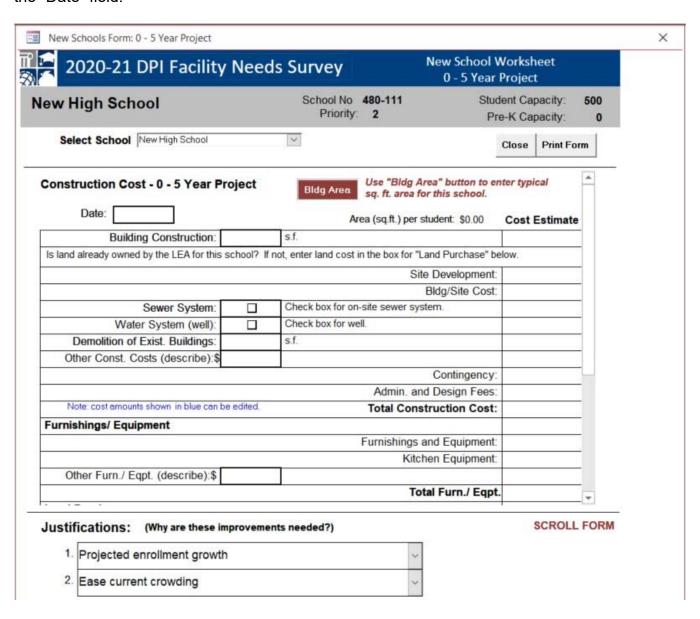


3.5 New Schools Form

To estimate the cost of a New School, click on the "New Schools" button on the "Costs Worksheet" tab.

The New School form will not load if there has not been a New School indicated on the Capacity Plan. If there is an error message at this point, it means that you have not planned for a new school on the "Capacity Plan" button. If there should be a New School, go back to that button and enter the data for the new school.

Select a school using the drop down list. If there is only one new school in your LEA, it will already be open for you, otherwise select the school from the drop down list. Enter the date in the "Date" field.



Use the "Bldg Area" button to add the building construction area (SF) automatically. This will calculate a "typical" building area based on the student capacity which you previously entered, and the Facility Guidelines. You can change the building area if your school area will be different from the norm.

- Use the check boxes for a well or sewerage treatment system on-site.
- If the new school will replace existing buildings on site, indicate the square footage of buildings that will be demolished.
- You can fill in miscellaneous or special construction costs in "other construction costs."
- Furnishings and equipment will be calculated, but add any special equipment not included.
- Indicate the number of acres and cost of the school site (unless you already own the land).
- You can fill in any notes or explanations.

If any of your schools have priorities in the 6-10 year range, go back to the **Cost Worksheets** Tab (see page 8) and follow the above procedure for those schools.

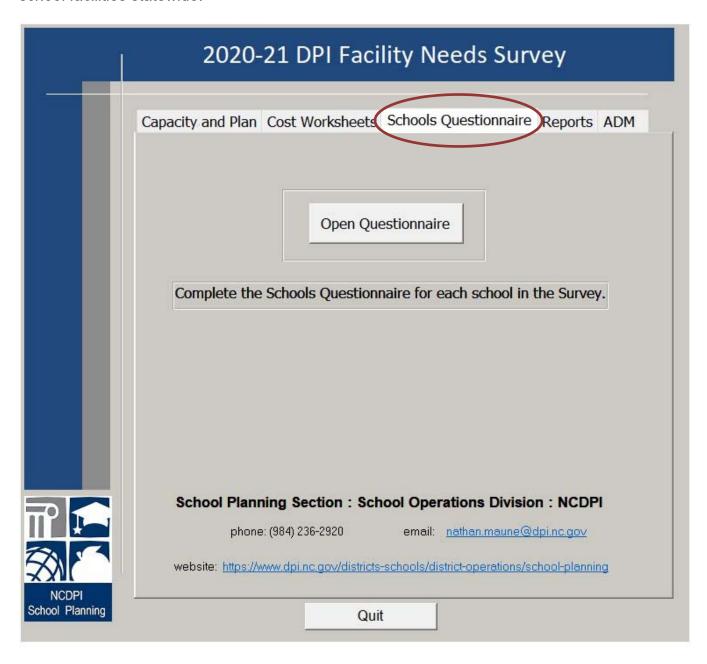
For schools which will have two priority projects (for example, some work to be done in years 2-5 and some work to be done in years 6-8), you might want to compare the scope of these projects side-by-side. You may find that some work should be moved from one priority to the other.

All cost worksheets should be completed *before* printing the "**Cost Summary Report**" for submittal to DPI. (You can print cost reports for your own review at any time.)

"Close" this form to return to the main menu.

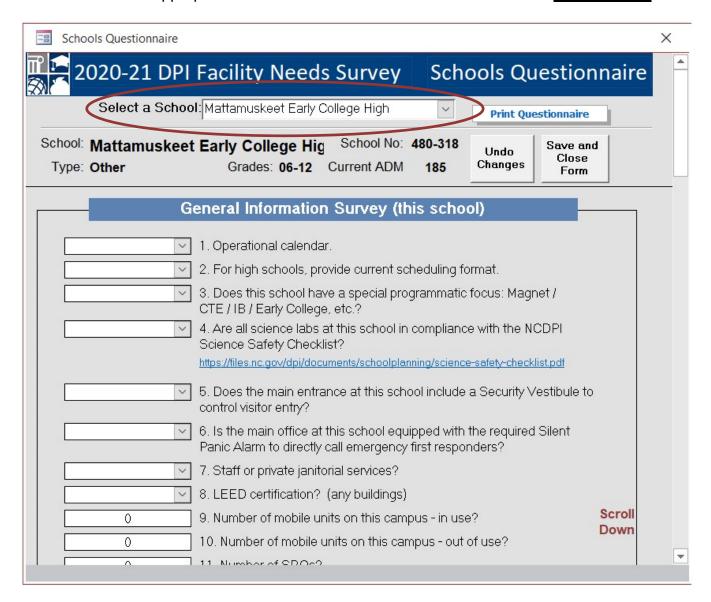
4.0 Schools Questionnaire

The Schools Questionnaire section of the FNS collects detailed information about each school facility. This data will generate a statistical summary to assist with identifying broad trends in school facilities statewide.



4.1 Schools Questionnaire

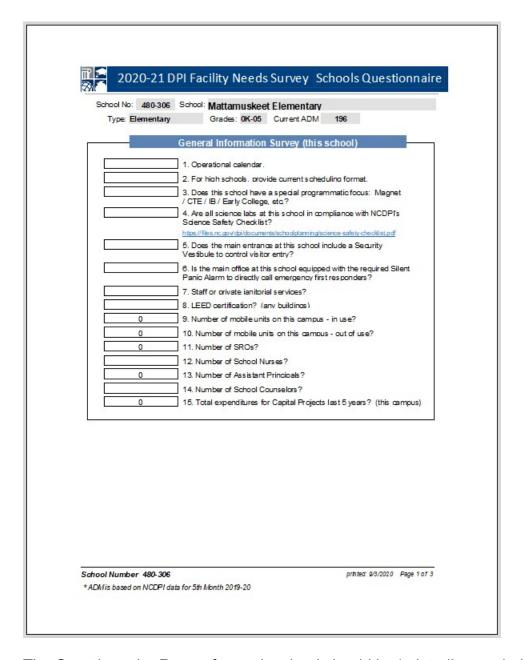
Open the Schools Questionnaire and select the school from the "Select a School" pull-down menu. Answer each question by selecting from the pull-down choices, or by entering information where appropriate. Scroll down within this window and answer **all questions**.



Repeat the questionnaire for <u>each school</u>. When the entries are complete for the first school, select the next school from the pull-down list, and so on, until the questionnaire is completed for all schools in the district. The answers are saved automatically when entered, so the user can move freely between schools, and return repeatedly to make corrections or add new information.

4.2 Print Questionnaire

When the Questionnaire is complete for a school the form should be printed as a PDF file. Select the "**Print Questionnaire**" button on the upper right corner of the form. This will load a Print Preview of the Questionnaire Report for that school. This generates a three-page report for the selected school. Select the Print button in the upper left corner to load the print dialog for printing.



The Questionnaire Report for each school should be 'printed' as an individual PDF file and saved to a folder for return to DPI along with other FNS Reports and the completed Database.

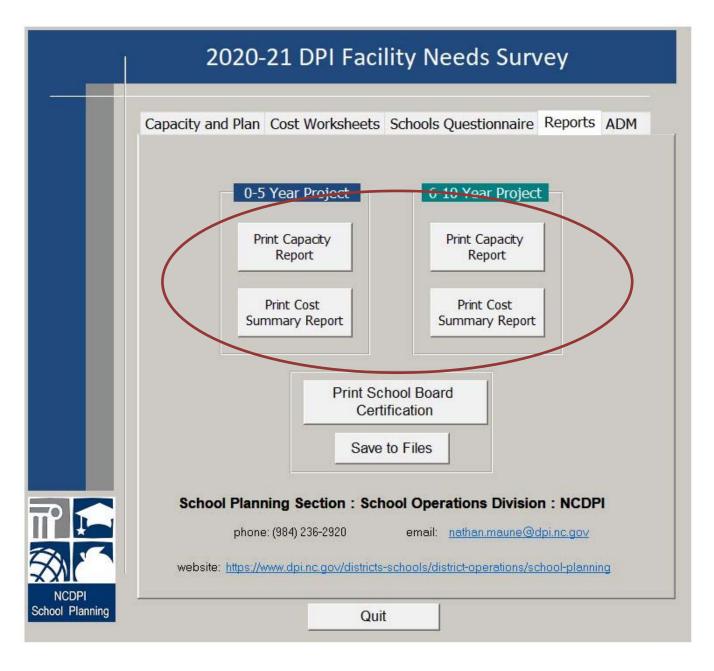
5.0 Reports Tab

After the Capacity and Cost Worksheets are completed, print the Capacity Reports and Cost Summary Reports. There are Capacity Reports for 5 and 10 years, and Cost Summary Reports for 5 and 10 years. These four reports will be returned to School Planning, along with the School Questionnaires, and the Board Certification.



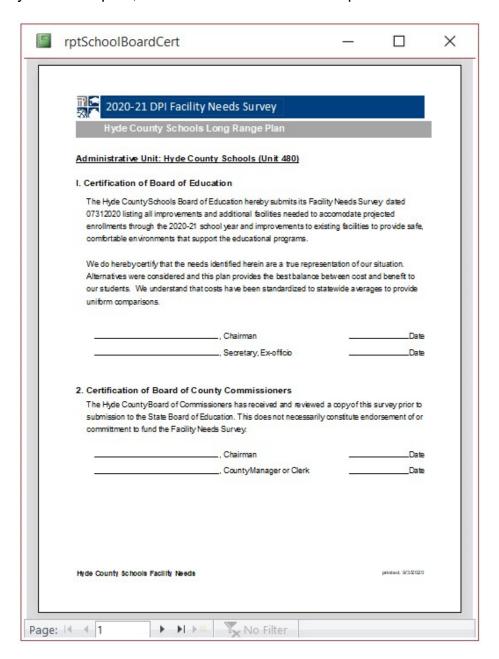
5.1 Viewing and Printing a Report

If at any time in the process you wish to view a Report on your computer monitor, without actually printing a hard copy, click the "Print" button on the specific report. This will open a Print Preview screen. Where multiple pages occur, click the one-page, two-page, multi-page button at the top of the screen. If you wish to print, click the Print button at the top left of the screen.



5.2 School Board Certification

Click on "School Board Certification" and a print preview of the certification form will open. If you wish to print, click the Print button at the top left of the screen.



Obtain the signatures (with dates) of the appropriate persons representing both the School Board and the County Commissioners.

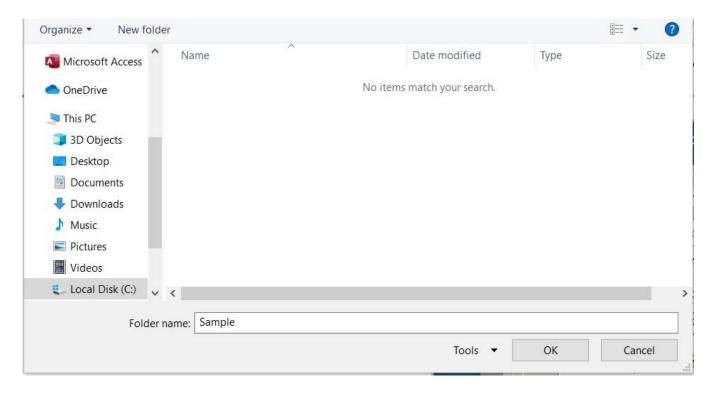
The signature by the chairperson of the County Commissioners does <u>not</u> indicate that they agree with or approve of the findings – only that they have <u>received</u> and <u>reviewed</u> a copy of the documents. The signature does not obligate the County Commissioners to take any action in any way. However, both Boards should be aware that it is an obligation of the School Board to make their needs known to the County Commissioners (G.S.115C-521).

5.3 Save to Files

Click "Save to Files" button. Fill in the date and the name and phone number of the person that prepared the facility survey and can be contacted if we have any questions.



After entering the contact information, click on "Save". The "Select Drive / Folder to Save File" window will open. Browse to the Folder where you want to save the files, press "OK", and the information will be saved to that location.



After saving you will see this message:



5.4 Submitting Files to DPI School Planning

When the Survey is fully completed, submit the following items to DPI School Planning:

- Electronically submit the saved data tables (.txt files from Step 5.3) to DPI.
- Electronically submit the PDF summary reports to DPI.
- Electronically submit the PDF school questionnaires to DPI.
- Electronically transfer a copy of the completed 2020 FNS Database to DPI.
- Mail the signed Certification to DPI.

An individual web link will be provided to each LEA for electronic file upload.

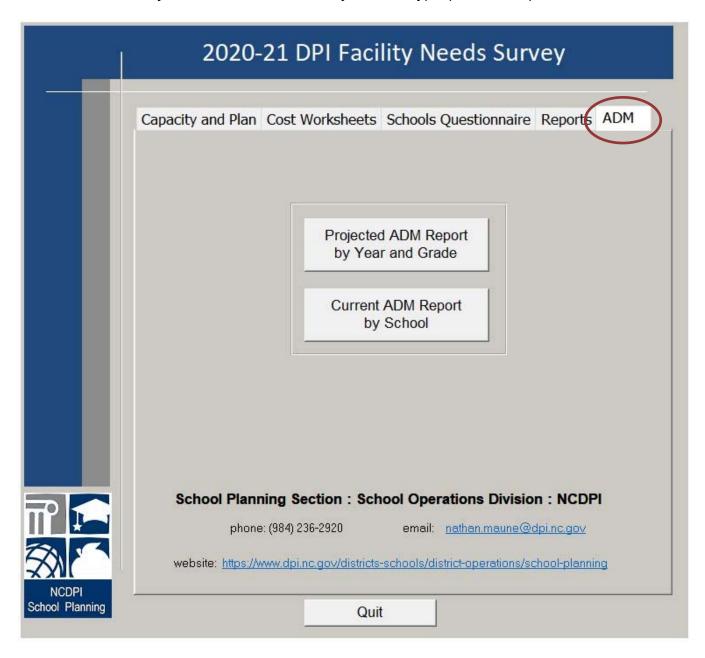
Mail the signed certification to:

Nathan Maune, AIA School Planning Department of Public Instruction 6319 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-6319

Questions regarding the 2020 Facility Needs Survey should be directed to Nathan Maune, School Planning Section Chief, by phone at (984) 236-2919 with any questions.

6.0 ADM Reports

To view the current projected ADM, click on the respective buttons. There is a report showing Projected ADM by Year and Grade from 2020-21 through 2029-30, and a report comparing Current ADM to Projected ADM for 2024-25 by School Type (ES/MS/HS).



Note: Current and projected ADM data are obtained from NCDPI records.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND EFFORT IN COMPLETING THE 2020 SURVEY!