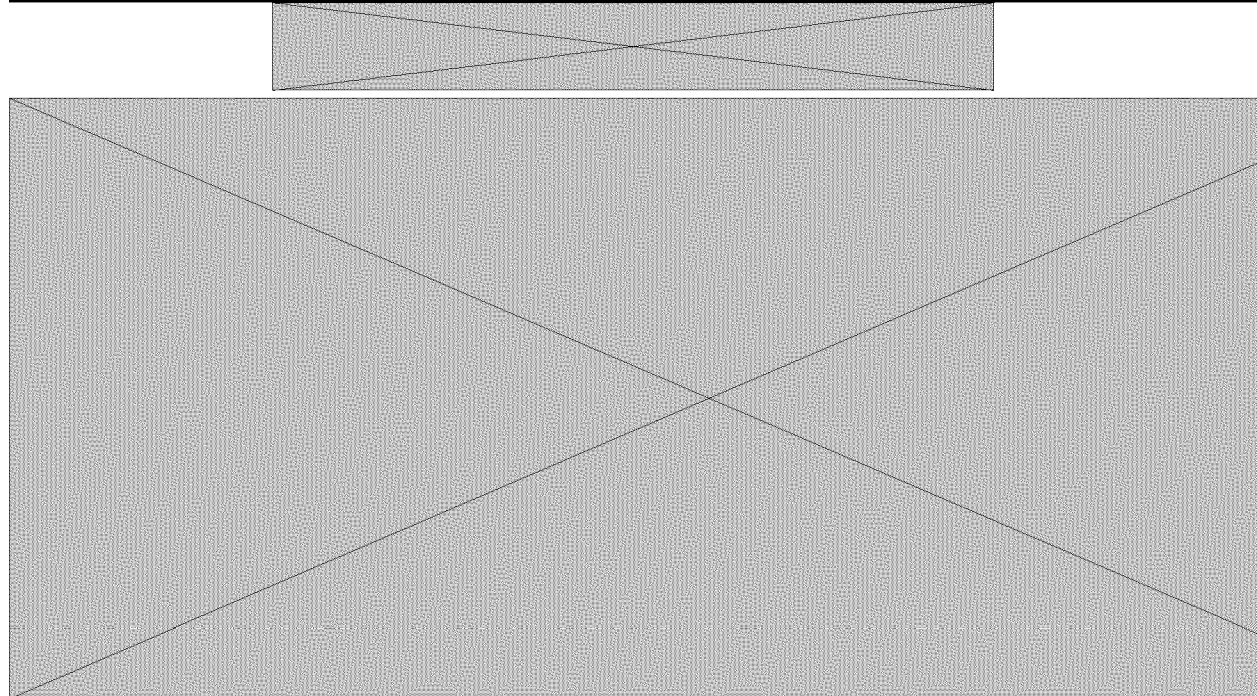


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Dear Ryan,

Earlier this month Pew's flood-prepared communities initiative released a report, [Flooding Threatens Public School Systems Across the Country](#).

The research found that the risk of flooding is distributed widely across the United States. Together with research partner ICF, Pew mapped counties facing the greatest risk by developing a county-level flood risk score for public schools in all 50 states. Within the 100 counties that receive the highest composite flood risk scores there are 6,444 schools that serve nearly 4 million students. Louisiana has the most counties with these scores.

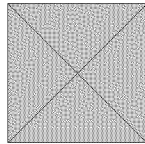
The risk isn't restricted to coastal areas. The research shows that many public schools in inland areas also face a high probability of flooding. Additional report key findings, case studies from Wisconsin, Kentucky, and Missouri, and an online, 50-state

[interactive of the analysis can be found here.](#)

Flooding is the most common and costly natural disaster impacting the United States. When flooding forces schools to close, learning is disrupted, families' daily lives are upended, and communities face steep repair costs. Addressing flooding is a shared responsibility among individuals, communities and government. Policymakers can help abate flood risk to schools by ensuring sufficient funding is available to modernize flood maps, better leveraging federal assistance, helping schools develop proactive disaster plans, and rebuilding smarter following floods.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [lighthouse@pewtrusts.org](mailto:lighthouse@pewtrusts.org), or Forbes Tompkins, Resilient Infrastructure Policy and Stakeholder Engagement Officer, at

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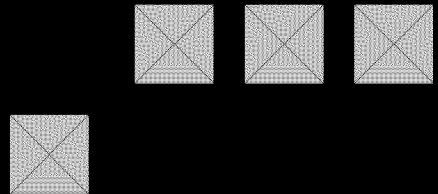
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