

Smart Schools Investment Plan

Board of Education Meeting

April 5, 2023

Agenda

- ❖ What is the NYS Smart Schools Bond Act?
- ❖ Smart Bond Process
- ❖ BSCSD Investment Plan
- ❖ Next Steps

What is the NYS SSBA?

The purpose of the Smart Schools Bond Act is to improve learning and opportunity for public and nonpublic school students by funding projects that target the following areas:

1. Install high-speed broadband or wireless internet connectivity for schools and communities (Community and School Connectivity).
2. Acquire learning technology equipment for facilities, including but not limited to interactive whiteboards, computer servers, and desktop, laptop, and tablet computers (Classroom Learning Technology).
3. Construct, enhance, and modernize educational facilities to accommodate prekindergarten programs and to provide instructional space to replace classroom trailers (Pre-K & Mobile Classrooms).
4. Install high-tech security features in school buildings and on school campuses, including but not limited to video surveillance, emergency notification systems, and physical access controls (High Tech Security).

Smart Bond Process

Ballston Spa School District allocation - \$2,444,766

1. District Instructional Technology Plan - approved
2. Investment plan development (SSIP) -*Projects will be completed in phases*
3. Plan draft posted on website for 30 days Smartbond@bscsd.org
4. Committee review comments
5. Board review/ approval
6. Submit to NYS
7. State review board - revise/update as necessary
8. SED plan approval
9. Expenditure & reimbursement

Smart Schools Investment Plan Focus

School Connectivity	Infrastructure	\$499,221
Classroom Learning Technology	Instructional Technology	\$1,532,800
High Tech Security	Security Integration	\$354,398
Private Schools	Required Allocation	\$58,250
Total Investment		\$2,444,669

Projects will be completed in phases over the next 3-5 years

Summary

Key Highlights of Initiatives

- **Long Range Planning**
 - School Connectivity
 - Classroom Technology
 - High Tech Security
- **Cost**
 - Completely state grant funded

Next Meeting- May 17th

- ◆ Plan Review
- ◆ Board Vote