

# Remsen Central School District Smart Schools Initiative

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## Smart Bond Initiative

Passed by New York Voters in November of 2014  
Awarded \$2 Billion to all public schools based on  
enrollment and state aid formula

Remsen Central Schools allocation is  
\$601,180

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## Rules for these use of these funds

- 6 categories
- School Networking
  - Classroom Technology
  - Community Connection
  - Pre-K Classroom Improvements
  - Elimination of Temporary/Trailer Classrooms
  - School Security and Safety

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## Rules for these use of these funds

- You cannot pay salaries
- You cannot pay BOCES
- You cannot purchase software

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## Phase 1

Upgrade district security cameras and emergency communication to provide a secure district learning environment. \$351,500

Upgrade network cable infrastructure to support additional devices including any future one-to-one initiatives and/or additional security devices. \$249,500

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## Phase 1

Phase 1 is complete and reimbursement is underway.

Phase 1 was completed approximately \$27,000 under projected costs.

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## Amendment 2020

- As a result of the Covid Pandemic, Remsen has faced a higher demand for chromebooks for remote student learning. These units allow the students to learn at any location that has a wifi connection.

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- Remsen Central School has been implementing a one-to-one learning environment so the teachers and staff are trained on using these devices for Google Hangouts, collaborative learning, and direct instruction.

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## Amendment 2020

- Remsen Central School proposes to use the unexpended funds to purchase student and teacher chromebooks. These devices can support remote learning as well as independent student learning in the classroom.

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## Next Steps

1. Board of Education reviews the committee recommendations and possibly approves preliminary plan.
2. Smart Bond Investment Plan is published on the school district web site with an email address for public comments for 15 days.
3. Smart Bond Investment Plan comments reviewed by the Board of Education.
4. Board of Education possibly approves final plan for submission to NYSED.

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## Next Steps

Any questions or comments can be emailed to

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