



***SENECA FALLS
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT***

**PRELIMINARY SMART SCHOOLS
INVESTMENT PLAN**

September 2024

Application 2



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Smart Schools Bond Act (SSBA)

The Smart Schools Bond Act was passed in the 2014-15 Enacted Budget and approved by the voters in a statewide referendum held during the New York State 2014 General Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. The Smart Schools Bond Act (SSBA) authorized the issuance of \$2 billion of general obligation bonds to finance improved educational technology and infrastructure to improve learning and opportunity for students throughout the State.

All District plans approved by the school board and submitted to the New York State Education Department must meet the required elements including demonstrating students' needs, minimal speed requirements for internet connectivity, professional development, technical support, and sustainability. As part of the process, districts are required to submit a District Instructional Technology Plan survey in compliance with the Education Law and Commissioner's Regulation. The Instructional Technology Plan survey outlines the current and future plans of the district as it relates to infrastructure, devices, staffing, and professional development to improve teaching and learning.

The Instructional Technology plan was approved by New York State Education Department in September 2021. The current Technology plan covers 2021-2026.

Smart Schools Investment Plans

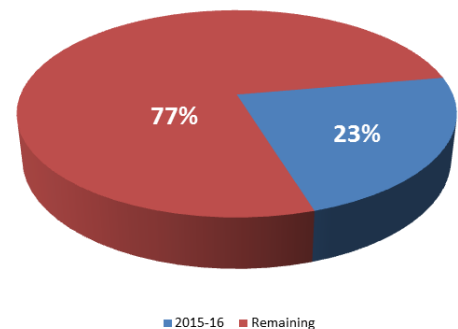
Seneca Falls Central School District qualified for \$1,152,629 from the Smart Schools Bond Act. This funding could be used for instructional technology and school safety upgrades.

SSIP for Seneca Falls CSD:

2018: District Wireless Upgrade

2019: Classroom Technology Purchases

2024: Proposed Security Upgrade



After the 2019 purchases, the District has \$829,792 remaining for Smart Bond Act funds available.

All projects that will be funded using Smart Schools funds need to be approved by the State Education Department. If approved, all projects will be fully reimbursable, but districts need to spend the money upfront before being reimbursed. Below are the necessary documents outlined by NYSED.

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Preliminary SSIP : Safety and Security

The Seneca Falls CSD Board of Education recently approved the 2024 Smart Schools Investment Preliminary Plan. This plan includes the upgrade of building classroom door locks to a wireless badge access system. Moving to this system will allow the district to monitor and safely execute building and districtwide lockdowns in an emergency. The wireless lock system will also eliminate the need for physical keys. The preliminary plan presentation (below) was presented on September 25, 2024 to the Board of Education before approval of the preliminary plan. The District Safety Committee approved the preliminary plan on Sept. 19, 2024. Following the 30-day comment period, the Board of Education will look to approval the final plan and submit it to NYS on November 7, 2024.

Potential Plan Costs:

Elementary Buildings (2) = \$464,000

Middle School Building = \$229,600 (To be covered through the 2025-26 Capital Project)

Mynderse Academy = \$327,000

As of 2024, the Seneca Falls CSD has \$829,792 in available funding

Budget Category	
School Connectivity	\$0
Connectivity Projects for Communities	\$0
Classroom Technology	\$0
Pre-Kindergarten Classrooms	\$0
Replace Transportable Classrooms	\$0
High-Tech Security Features	\$829,792

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Draft Timeline

Sept 19, 2024 - Planning Committee to present preliminary plan (District Safety Committee)

September 25, 2024 - Board of Education Meeting to present preliminary plan, Adopt resolution to approve the preliminary plan, begin application process, Letter of Intent, Post to website, start of 30 day public input window

November 7, 2024 - Public Hearing, Adopt resolution approving the plan

Nov. '24 - Fall '25 Submit and wait for approval, Begin project immediately following

District Instructional Technology Plan

The Smart Schools Bond investment will allow us to expand learning opportunities for all our students. This funding is directly linked to and supports our District Instructional Technology Plan.

The committee developed three goals and an additional goal aligned to the proposed Smart Bond Investment Plan. The following outcomes were developed and shared with the District Curriculum Council and Board of Education:

Goal #1: Implement blended learning practices to support student achievement and engagement through the seamless integration of instructional technology into teaching and learning;

Goal #2: Provide access to relevant and rigorous professional development to ensure educators and leaders are proficient in the integration of learning technologies.

Goal #3: Increase and maintain equitable access to high-quality devices for students and educators.

Goal #4: Upgrades to campus notification/communication systems and door entry systems

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Professional Development

On-going professional development is critical to the success of our staff and students. The district provides a wide range of professional development each year for our teachers, teaching assistants, support staff and administrators. The training includes interactive boards and smart notebook, document cameras and projectors, Microsoft products, and Apps. The technology department coordinates ongoing “Tech Tuesday” sessions addressing district supported web-based applications that can be integrated into curriculum and instruction. The District strongly believes that both the instructional leadership staff and the technical support staff need higher-level professional development in order to continue in their roles. The District is committed and will continue to provide professional development on an on-going basis to the staff to allow them to utilize the technology tools and resources in the most effective manner possible.

Inventory Management

The District has a new distribution and inventory management system in place. This system will maintain a detailed inventory of all technology in the district including purchases made through Smart School funds.

Please direct any questions or comments

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