



**SWEET HOME CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Smart Schools Investment Plan

March 18, 2025

Sweet Home CSD

Mandated Public Hearing



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Overview – Smart Schools Bond Act

- Passed in 2014-15 New York State budget and approved statewide by voters in 2014 General Election
- \$2 billion in funds to finance improved educational technology and infrastructure to improve learning and opportunity
- April 2024 – Executive Budget shifts review from Review Board to an administrative process overseen by NYSED to expedite reviews.
- Sweet Home Central School District initial allocation of Smart Schools Bond Act funding: **\$1,891,997.**



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Eligible Smart Schools Projects

- 1. Install high-speed broadband or wireless internet connectivity for schools and communities;**
- 2. Acquire learning technology equipment or facilities, including but not limited to interactive whiteboards, computer servers, and desktop, laptop, and tablet computers;**
- 3. Construct, enhance, and modernize educational facilities to accommodate prekindergarten programs and to provide instructional space to replace classroom trailers; and/or**
- 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.**

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Sweet Home Smart Schools 2025 Plan

- Allocation for Interior Door Hardening Project: **\$551,415 Sweet Home High School and/or Middle School**
- Requested and approved deallocation for student devices in November 2024
- Interior and classroom doors will be hardened with card access based locks.
- Communication to the doors will be accomplished via the use of dedicated wireless hubs.
- These new locks will be registered to and managed via the existing door access system, which will be upgraded to the latest software version and to accommodate the increase in the number of doors monitored.
- Plan for door hardening project has been vetted through District Safety Committee.

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Anticipated Timeline for Proposed Project

- February 4, 2025 - Preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan presented to BOE
- February 12, 2025 - Preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan approved by BOE
- February 12- March 13, 2025 - Preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan posted for review on the district website for 30 days - **No comments received.**
- March 18, 2025 - BOE/Public Meeting & Hearing - **Questions from Board or those in attendance.**
- March 18, 2025 - BOE Approval of Final Plan, submission to SED by April 1st, 2025
- April - June 2025 - SED Approval
- July 2025-September 2025 - Procurement / Completion of Work

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