



Webutuck Central School District Smart School Spending Plan

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Technology Mission and Goals

District Vision:

Webutuck students will possess the knowledge, desire, and ability to achieve their potential and make a significant contribution to society.

District Technology Mission:

Our mission is to educate students to look beyond today. The school community will utilize technology (resources) to enhance instruction, promote lifelong thinking, learning and communication skills necessary for success in a 21st century global community. Educators will facilitate each student's individual learning path by matching technology (resources) tools with a variety of learning styles and academic levels. Our students will leave Webutuck equipped with life skills they need to make a significant contribution to society.

District Technology Goals:

Goal #1 – Provide a safe, flexible, and effective learning environment for all students.

Goal #2 – Foster collaborative opportunities among administrators, teachers and students to develop curriculum that integrates technology and makes use of all available resources.

Goal #3 – Engage students in authentic learning opportunities and appropriate tools to gain knowledge, develop skills, extend capabilities, and create and disseminate artifacts that demonstrate their understandings.

Goal #4 – Provide an individualized learning path through the use of data driven instruction and feedback provided by a variety data collection tools to improve student performance.

Smart Schools Bond Act History

In 2014, Governor Cuomo established the Smart Schools Commission to conduct a review of all New York schools to determine their ability to:

- ❖ Expand online learning and connectivity
- ❖ Utilize technology for instruction and professional development

After the review, the Commission recommended that NYS target funding for schools to eliminate gaps in technology. The Smart Schools Bond Act was established and approved. It authorized the release of \$2 billion statewide for schools to finance educational technology and infrastructure to improve learning opportunities.

Webutuck Central School District was allocated \$507,541



Typical Uses of Smart Bond Act

Approved for 6 Specific Categories

1. Classroom Connectivity
2. Classroom Technology
3. Community Connection
4. Pre-K Classroom Improvements
5. Elimination of Temporary and Trailer Classrooms
6. **School Security and Safety**

Samples of Denied Categories for Funding

1. Funds for salaries
2. Funds for software
3. Funds for professional development

Districts are expected to provide these, but they are not to be funded by the Bond.

Smart Schools Committee

The Smart Schools Committee identified needs within the district in the specified areas of the bond.

The Smart Schools Committee felt network connectivity, community communication and student devices are being taken care of through the general budget. Security is where the committee and teams have felt we need to invest monies.

The Committee then decided at this time that we would focus on safety and security technology.

Comprehensive Upgrades to the District PA System:

The district would like to upgrade and replace the PA system in each of the district's school building and maintenance/transportation building.

We will use the funds from the Smart Schools Bond to secure the devices, infrastructure, design, and construction for the PA System Project.



Smart Schools / Technology Committee Members and Meetings

Members of the Smart School Committee:

Raymond Castellani-Superintendent
Robert Farrier-Deputy Sup. /Business Official
Lauren Marquis-Director of Technology
Robert Knuschke-High School Co-Principal
Matthew Pascale-High School Co-Principal
Jennifer Hengen-Intermediate School Principal
Amanda Coppola-Elementary School Principal
Elizabeth Murphy-Library Media Specialist
Skylar Fountain-PreK Teacher
Leah Sprague-Parent/PTA Representative
Jayden Jaya - High School Student

The Committee met on 10/15/25.

Our upcoming meeting is 12/17/25.

Timeline:

30 Day Public Comment Period: 12/15/2025-1/15/2026

Develop Smart School Investment Plan:

Need: District Safety and Security

Project: Upgraded and Comprehensive PA System

Scope: District-Wide

Smart School Investment Plan:

Original Submission	Classroom Tech: iPads	\$29,400
	Cases and Screen Protectors	\$12,000
	Non-Public School Expenditures	\$23,688
	Total	\$65,088



Smart School Investment Plan:

Revised (2nd) Submission	High-Tech Security Features: PA System	\$427,453
	Visitor Aware System for each building	\$15,000
	Total	\$442,453



Questions and/or Comments?

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