



# **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

- ✓ Classroom Connectivity 
- ✓ Classroom Technology 
- ✓ Community Connection 
- ✓ Pre-K Classroom Improvements 
- ✓ Elimination of Temporary and Trailer Classrooms 
- ✓ **School Security and Safety** 

## Samples of Denied Categories for Funding

- ✗ Funds for salaries 
- ✗ Funds for software 
- ✗ 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 Building Door Access Control:

The district would like to upgrade and increase electronic door access control in each of the districts three school buildings.

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

- Updated Access Control Servers
- Hardware for Badge Scan Access into exterior doors at EBIS/WHS



# Smart Schools / Technology Committee Members and Meetings

## Committee Members

- 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

## Meetings

**Past Meeting:** February 18, 2026

**Upcoming Meeting:** April 15, 2026



# Timeline & Smart School Investment Plan Overview

 **Timeline**  
 **30 Day Public Comment Period:**  
3/16/2026-4/16/2026

- Develop Smart School Investment Plan:**
-  **Need:** District Safety and Security
  -  **Project:** Upgraded Door Access Control
  -  **Scope:** District-Wide

# Smart School Investment Plan:

<b>Original Submission</b> June 2019	<b>Classroom Based Technology</b>	<b>\$65,088</b>
<b>Revised (2nd) Submission</b> December 2025	<b>High-Tech Security Features: PA System (Original Amount: \$442,453)</b>	<b>\$358,482</b>
<b>3rd Submission</b> Projected April 2026	<b>Door Access Control</b>	<b>\$83,971</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$507,541</b>

# Questions and/or Comments?

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