

OGDENSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: First Review of Smart Schools Investment 2020-2021

DATE: June 17, 2020

REASON FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:

The SMART SCHOOLS BOND ACT OF 2014 was passed in the 2014-2015 Enacted Budget and approved by the voters in a statewide referendum held during the 2014 General Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. The purpose of the Smart Schools Bond Act is to improve learning and opportunity for public and nonpublic school students by funding capital projects. The Ogdensburg City School District Board of Education must approve a Smart Schools Investment Plan 2020-2021 for the district to apply for Smart Schools Bond Act funding.

FACTS AND ANALYSIS:

The Smart Schools Bond Act requires that school districts develop and receive approval of a Smart Schools Investment Plan from the Smart Schools Review Board. Districts will submit their Smart Schools Investment Plans, which will describe the intended expenditures and projects with Smart Schools Bond Act funds, through an application on the New York State Education Department's Business Portal. Therefore; the district has prepared a Smart Schools Investment Plan for Board of Education approval.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

No action necessary – First Review and Discussion only.

APPROVED FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD:



Superintendent

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Attachment

Ogdensburg City School District
Smart Schools Investment Plan
2020-2021



Background: The SMART SCHOOLS BOND ACT OF 2014 was passed in the 2014-15 Enacted Budget and approved by the voters in a statewide referendum held during the 2014 General Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. This bond act 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. Questions or comments regarding this plan can be submitted in writing to:

Mr. Kevin Kendall
Superintendent of Schools
1100 State Street
Ogdensburg, NY 13669

The entire text of the Smart Schools Bond Act Implementation Guidance can be found at http://www.p12.nysed.gov/mgtserv/smart_schools/docs/Smart_Schools_Bond_Act_Guidance_04.27.15_Final.pdf

Ogdensburg City School District's portion of this funding is \$2,264,871

Overall Budget 2020-2021	
Budget Category	Sub-allocation
School Connectivity	\$0
Classroom Technology	\$440,000
Pre-Kindergarten Classrooms	\$0
Replacement of Classroom Trailers	\$0
High-Tech Security Features	\$0
Allocated Funds (2016-2019)	\$1,074,489
Unallocated Funds	\$750,382

**Ogdensburg City School District
Smart Schools Investment Plan
2020-2021**



Plan Details:

Recommendation: Upgrade existing and purchase new Chromebooks and laptop carts for instructional purposes, as well as for Computer-Based Testing in grades 3-8. Updating of the teachers' classroom computers to support the additional peripherals that are being attached, i.e. Clear Touch Displays, Document Cameras, etc. Upgrade District Smart Boards and Projectors to Clear Touch Interactive Display Systems.

Description	Quantity	Price	Total
Dell Desktop Computers OptiPlex 9020 Small fm.	200	\$624.00	\$124,800
Touch Screen Chromebooks	600	\$356.00	\$213,600
Google Chrome Management Console License	600	\$25.00	\$15,000
LocknCharge Carrier 15 Charging Station	24	\$675.00	\$16,200
LocknCharge Carry Basket – 8 Pack	6	\$400.00	\$2,400
Viewsonic Interactive Display 75"	15	\$2,989.00	\$68,000
TOTAL			\$440,000

Rationale: The Ogdensburg City School District understands the expanding role of technology as a vehicle to improve student learning in school and at home. The integration of technology into the instructional programing can foster creativity and allow for more effective communication and collaboration. With the number of peripheral devices being attached to classroom computers, the high-speed connections are necessary for seamless integration of classroom technology, thus the need to update classroom desktop computers. NYSED is well into transitioning to computer based testing (CBT, formerly known as PARCC) for State Assessments in grades 3-8. By the year 2020 it is anticipated that all assessments will be computer based. In preparation for this transition The Ogdensburg City School District will begin upgrading our computer resources, as we will need to accommodate all students taking the assessments within the assigned testing window. Chromebooks were selected for the following reasons; in order to best meet the technical device requirements (keyboard, screen size, device management/lockdown), classroom space (cart vs. full desktop computing lab), mobile flexibility (move to any classroom), robustness vs. tablet and seamless integration into existing computer environment/infrastructure. Throughout the remainder of the year during times of non-testing, the Chromebooks can also be used to support the curriculum adding additional value to their acquisition. The Ogdensburg City School District continues to advance its efforts in creating a districtwide digital age learning culture along with the implementation of comprehensive technology integration designed to increase student achievement, promote excellence, and achieve Cyber Citizenship. The district currently has an inventory of 110 Smart Boards and over 65 out-of-life projectors throughout its schools. The district will purchase 25 additional ViewSonic Interactive Boards to continue replacing the out-of-date projectors and Smart Boards.