

Sidney Central School District

SMART Schools Investment Plan

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 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. The SSBA requires that a Review Board review and approve districts' Smart Schools Investment Plans before any funds may be made available for the program.

Sidney Central School District qualifies for **\$1,379,095** from the Smart Schools Bond Act. This funding can be used for instructional technology and school safety upgrades. The first step in applying for this funding was to submit our Instructional Technology Plan to New York State for review. The plan that was submitted in September and was approved in October of 2015.

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.

The Smart Schools Investment Plan will be available on this site for 30 days until it goes to the BOE for final approval (July 12, 2016). During the 30 days, please feel free to email Dr. Bill Christensen (wchristensen@sidneycsd.org) Superintendent of Schools if you have any questions or comments.

The public hearing will take place before the BOE meeting on July 12, 2016.

Plan Summary

It is the recommendation of the Sidney Central School District that received input from the SMART Schools Committee to utilize the monies to upgrade high tech safety features in the district. The following breakdown is provided for review:

High School Secure Vestibule and Main Office Relocation

- Currently the high school office does not have a secure vestibule. Visitors to the building push a button to enter the building, but enter directly into a hallway. The hallway is several yards from the actual front office. This has posed some safety issues with controlling entry into the building.
- The relocation of the office to a more secure area along with providing an additional exterior door along with additional "hardening" features will greatly improve the safety of the buildings.
- The projected costs of this feature is **\$385,000**.

Elementary School Secure Vestibule and Main Office Relocation

- Similar to the high school the elementary school does not have a secure vestibule. Visitors are buzzed into a hallway before they enter the office. This makes it especially difficult to control entrance into the building.
- The relocation of the elementary office will include installing a secure vestibule and will also provide a more centralized office. Currently the elementary office is on one end of the building. This results in more monitoring of all parts of the building by the school office.
- The projected cost of this feature is **\$325,000**

Security Cameras

- The district is also going to increase the number of cameras in areas that have the most traffic and potential for safety concerns. Additionally, the current server is not sufficient to handle the quantity of cameras that are needed and the new features of the cameras.
- The projected cost of this feature is **\$224,000**

Door Access Control

- Currently there are limited control over exterior doors. This will provide additional access points for staff and allow for monitoring the access points through security cameras.
- The projected cost of this feature is **\$155,000**

The total projected cost of high-tech security features is **\$1,092,000**