

Sidney Central School District Smart School Investment Plan

The Smart Schools Bond Act was passed in the 2014-15 NYS 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 opportunities for students throughout the State. The SSBA requires that a review board review and approve the district's Smart Schools Investment Plans before any funds may be made available for the program. The money used towards Smart School Bond Act projects is reimbursed dollar for dollar, meaning there is no additional district funds used.

Sidney Central School District qualified for \$1,378,095 from the Smart Schools Bond Act. This funding has been used for instructional technology and school safety upgrades. The first Smart School Bond Act project was approved in 2016. The project included a secure vestibule at both the junior/senior high school and elementary school buildings. It also included numerous security cameras and an upgraded server. Lastly, the project included the installation of electronic door access control points. The total amount of this phase of the project was \$1,067,000.

The Sidney Central School District still has \$312,228 available to allocate to a Smart School Bond Act project. 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 reimbursed, 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 the district's website for 30 days until it is presented to the Board of Education for final approval (Tuesday, April 24, 2023). During the 30 days, please feel free to email Eben Bullock (embullock@sidneycsd.org), Superintendent of school if you have any questions or comments.

The public hearing will take place before the Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2023.

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 security features throughout the district. The following breakdown is provided for review:

- Install a campus notification system throughout the district
 - PA Speakers and displays
 - Jr/Sr. High School Building (\$189,992.21)
 - Install (67) 18-inch HD classroom IP clock/speakers
 - Install (11) 28-inch hallway IP clock/speakers

- Install (12) IP sign boards
- Install (1) InformaCast physical appliance
- Install (100) InformaCast endpoint licenses with 3-years of maintenance
- Elementary School Building (\$180,657.84)
 - Install (73) 18-inch HD classroom IP clock/speakers
 - Install (6) 28-inch hallway IP clock/speakers
 - Install (9) IP sign boards
 - Install (100) InformaCast endpoint licenses with 3-years of maintenance
- The total projected cost of the high-tech security features is \$370,650.05. Sidney Central School has \$312,228 available through the Smart Schools Bond Act. The difference between the estimated cost of the project and the available funds (\$58,422.05) would be fully covered with a capital outlay project during the 2023-2024 school year.

Timeline for Smart School Project:

- **Present to Board of Education seeking preliminary approval February 14, 2023**
- **Post on the District's Website February 14, 2023 after approval**
- **Public Hearing on April 24, 2023 at the regularly scheduled board of education meeting**
- **Submittal to State Education Department for approval**
- **State Education Department estimated review is 12-14 months**

February 3, 2023

The Sidney Central School District SMART Schools Bond Act Committee met on December 13, 2022. At that meeting the committee approved the preliminary SMART Schools Investment Plan and recommended that it be forwarded to the Board of Education for consideration and approval.

Committee member:

Ruth Boyce	Nurse
James Karl	Athletic Coordinator
Christopher Stillman	Director of Facilities
Robert Hansen	Elementary Principal (Grades 3-6)
Sean Wood	Elementary Principal (UPK-2)
Maggie McNamara	Jr./Sr. High School Principal
Katherine Rogan	Assistant Principal
Aimee Warner	Business Official
Antonio Stenta	Director of School Improvement
Erin Nordenhold	School Counselor
Corporal Jeffrey Clark	School Resource Officer (Delaware County Sheriff)
Investigator Christopher Dionne	Sidney Police Department
Trooper Shannon Hartz	NYS Trooper School Liaison
Jason Lawrence	DCMO BOCES Health & Safety Officer
Kerrie Johnston	Parent
Marissa Orezzaoli	Board of Education Member/Community Member
Douglas Russell	Head Bus Driver
David Degnon	Architect
Megan Lewis	Student
Eben Bullock	Superintendent

Sincerely,

Eben M. Bullock
Superintendent of Schools