Ogdensburg City School District
Smart Schools Investment Plan
2025-2026

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:

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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 2017-2018	
Budget Category	**Sub-allocation**
School Connectivity	**$0**
Classroom Technology	**$750,227.00**
Pre-Kindergarten Classrooms	**$0**
Replacement of Classroom Trailers	**$0**
High-Tech Security Features	**$0**
Total Funds Requested (2017-2018)	**$.00**
Allocated Funds (2016-2019)	**$1,364,609.00**
Unallocated Funds	**$112,370**

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Plan Details:

Recommendation 1: Utilize funds to provide students with access to cutting edge STEM related hardware.

Rationale: Access to advanced hardware and software allows students to apply theoretical knowledge in real-world settings. This hands-on experience solidifies their understanding of complex STEM concepts and prepares them for practical problemsolving. Providing access to the latest technology ensures students gain proficiency in the tools and techniques that are increasingly in demand by employers, making them more competitive in the job market. Investing in the latest hardware and software prepares students to be adaptable in a fast-evolving technological landscape. These tools also offer scalable platforms that can grow with future needs, ensuring the educational institution remains at the forefront of innovation. Access to state-ofthe-art tools fosters creative thinking and experimentation. Students can explore innovative solutions to complex problems in fields like engineering, computer science, and mathematics. This kind of innovation is critical for producing future leaders and entrepreneurs in STEM fields. Modern STEM tools often integrate concepts from multiple disciplines, encouraging students to work across fields like biology, engineering, computer science, and environmental science. This kind of interdisciplinary collaboration is vital for addressing global challenges and advancing research. Many students, especially from underserved backgrounds, may not have access to advanced hardware and software at home. Providing these resources ensures that all students have equal opportunities to learn, experiment, and excel in STEM fields. The use of investment funds to provide students with access to cutting-edge STEM-related hardware and software is a strategic decision that yields long-term educational, economic, and social benefits. It enhances learning outcomes, bridges the skills gap, fosters innovation, and prepares students to meet the demands of the modern workforce.

Description	Quantity	Price	Total
ZSpace Learning Laptops	12	$4,399.00	$52,788.00
ZSpace Mobile and Secure Charging Cart	1	$1,675.00	$1,675.00
Class VR Premium Headsets – Class of 30	1	$19,249.00	$19,249.00
Class VR Premium 64 Headsets – Set of 8	2	$4,949.00	$9,898.00
TOTAL			**$83,610.00**

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Recommendation 2: Upgrade all Chromebooks/Laptops and ViewSonic Boards District-wide.

Rationale: The district plans to utilize Smart Schools Bond Act funding to purchase Chromebooks for students and laptops for instructional staff in order to support equitable access to digital learning resources, enhance classroom instruction, and build capacity for 21st-century teaching and learning.

Student Chromebooks will continue be deployed in a 1:1 environment, ensuring that every student has access to a personal device throughout the school day and, where appropriate, at home. This access will allow students to:

- Engage in blended learning and personalized instruction through platforms aligned to New York State Learning Standards.
- Conduct research, collaborate on group projects, and create digital content.
- Participate in computer-based assessments, including NYS testing and progress monitoring platforms.
- Access adaptive software to support differentiated instruction, including tools for students with disabilities and English language learners.

Teacher laptops will support instructional planning, content delivery, and communication. Devices will be used to:

- Access and deliver digital curriculum and interactive instructional tools.
- Analyze student data and progress in real time to inform instruction.
- Facilitate virtual learning opportunities, professional development, and communication with students and families.
- Integrate with classroom display technology, including interactive boards and projection systems.

This investment in devices ensures instructional continuity across in-person, hybrid, and remote learning models. It also supports the district's broader goals of closing the digital divide, fostering digital citizenship, and preparing students with the technological skills necessary for success in college, careers, and civic life.

All devices will be managed through the district's secure IT infrastructure with content filtering, asset tracking, and appropriate cybersecurity measures in place to protect student privacy and ensure compliance with state and federal regulations.

As part of the proposed Smart Schools Bond Act investment, the district plans to purchase and install ViewSonic interactive flat panel displays (IFPDs) in classrooms to modernize instructional delivery, increase student engagement, and support diverse learning needs.

Description	Quantity	Price	Total
ACER Chromebooks – Student	449	$465.00	$208,785.00
ACER Chromebooks – Plus - Teacher	200	$1,185.00	$237,000.00
Dell Laptops	35	$890.00	$31,150.00
Dell Thunderbolt Smart Docking Stations	5	$280.00	$1,400.00
APC Smart UPS Server Power Back-Up	8	$1,826.00	$14,608.00
ViewSonic Interactive Whiteboards	22	$2,300.00	$50,600.00
JAR Charging Stations/Cables	75	$920.45	$69,034.00
Max Cases – Various	2200	$24.60	$54,040.00
TOTAL			**$666,617.00**