

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.

Sidney Central School District is currently in a second SSBA project, which includes the following:

- Install a campus notification system throughout the junior/senior high school building
 - PA Speakers and displays
 - Jr/Sr. High School Building (\$218,306)
 - 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

The Sidney Central School District still has \$93,921 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, June 11, 2024). 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, July 9, 2024.

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 Elementary School building
 - Elementary School Building (\$93,921)
 - Install 18-inch HD classroom IP clock/speakers
 - Install 28-inch hallway IP clock/speakers
 - Install IP sign boards
 - Install InformaCast endpoint licenses with 3-years of maintenance
- The total projected cost of the high-tech security features is not to exceed \$93,921. Sidney Central School has \$93,921 available through the Smart Schools Bond Act.

Timeline for Smart School Project:

- **Present to Board of Education seeking preliminary approval June 11, 2024**
- **Post on the District's Website June 11, 2024 after approval**
- **Public Hearing on July 9, 2024 at the regularly scheduled board of education meeting**
- **Submittal to State Education Department for approval**
- **State Education Department estimated review is 12-14 months**
- **Upon approval work would be completed Spring/Summer 2025**

May 13, 2024

The Sidney Central School District SMART Schools Bond Act Committee met on May 13, 2024. 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	School Business Executive
Antonio Stenta	Director of School Improvement
Erin Nordenhold	School Counselor
Anne Brightsen	School Social Worker
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