

Skaneateles Central School District Smart Schools Bond Spending Plan

What is the Smart Schools Bond Act?

The Smart Schools Bond Act (SSBA) was passed as part of the 2014-15 New York State budget and approved by voters in a statewide referendum held on Nov. 4, 2014. The SSBA authorized the issuance of \$2 billion in bonds to finance educational technology and infrastructure to improve learning opportunities for students throughout the state.

How much will Skaneateles Schools receive under the plan?

The district was allocated \$534,585 under the SSBA.

The state will reimburse the district for 100 percent of its expenses as identified in the Skaneateles Smart Schools Investment Plan. This plan earmarks the entire allocation for infrastructure that will support technology-enhanced instruction and security upgrades in alignment with our Strategic Planning process and long range Facilities Plan. Skaneateles plans to implement its plan by May of 2018. Smart Schools bond funds remain available until a district has used its entire allocation.

Is there any local cost associated with the technology purchases?

There is no local cost associated with the initial purchase.

When will the Board discuss the plan and its' impact?

On the March 1, the Board of Education will hear an overview of the proposed plan and on March 15, the Board will be asked to approve the plan during the Program Budget Review II and the impact of this plan on teaching and learning.

Is there a public hearing on this plan?

Yes. The Skaneateles Board of Education will conduct a public hearing as a part of its 7 p.m. March 23 Community Forum. The plan requires a vote by the board for approval.

In alignment with our Strategic Planning process and long range Facilities Plan, the following chart outlines the planned expenditure of the Smart Schools Bond Act monies:

Description of Smart Bond Scope	Smart Bond Allocation Used
New campus fiber to support network upgrade for video surveillance	\$ 68,250
Video Surveillance System	\$ 263,665
Door Access Control	\$ 127,270
New Visitor Entrances	\$ 75,400
Total	\$ 534,585

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