



Smart Schools Investment Plan First Draft

The SMART SCHOOLS BOND ACT (SSBA) 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. The purpose of the Smart Schools Bond Act is to improve learning and opportunity for public and nonpublic school students. As a result the Freeport Public School District was allocated to receive \$5,944,521. Guidance for the use of the funds was first issued in August 2015. The first required step for accessing the SSBA funds was the approval of a NYS Technology Plan for the use of the SSBA funds. Freeport Public School’s Technology Plan has been approved. Districts will be reimbursed for expensed funds that are approved under the requirements of the SSBA through an approved Smart Schools Investment Plan (SSIP). Nonpublic schools in the District are entitled to a \$250 per student annual lease of classroom technology devices. The total amount of leased devices that will be designated for nonpublic schools based on current enrollment is \$35,500.

Over the past few months, District leadership, school building administrators, teachers, students staff and community members have worked together to develop an SSIP. A community feedback/input session was held in September and a District technology committee has met regularly to finalize plans. This required investment plan is in alignment with our strategic plan and with the goals expressed in our New York State Education Department approved Technology Plan. Once submitted to NYS and approved Freeport Public Schools will begin work on the projects in the plan. SSBA funds come at no additional costs to Freeport Public School District residents. This document provides the District’s recommendation for the use of these funds.

Part 1: Implementation Plan Overview:

1. Expansion of instructional devices throughout the District K-12: Cost: \$3.3 million

Rationale: District is working to create seamless instructional environments in which teachers and students can easily select and utilize technology devices for learning, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity. This includes new opportunities for English language Learners and Students with Disabilities to better leverage technology for improvement and support. The addition of interactive boards, iPads, and chrome-book laptops will move the District to a 1:1 device to student ratio.

Proposed Purchases:

- 80 interactive boards
- 5,780 chrome-book laptops
- 56 lap top carts
- 420 iPads
- 14 iPad carts

2. Convert Atkinson portables to permanent classrooms: Cost: \$2.6 million

Rationale: The four Atkinson portables are nearing the end of their usable lifespan. Utilizing the SSBA to convert the portables to modern, 21st century Learning Spaces will not only benefit students but also eliminate the burden of the building costs from Freeport Public School District residents.

Proposed Purchase:

- Convert four portable classrooms at Atkinson Intermediate School to four permanent classrooms.

Phase 1				
Location	Focus	Details	Cost	Timeline
District-wide	Installation of interactive boards to remaining spaces and those that require a replacement	80 interactive boards plus installation costs	80 (boards) x \$5000=\$400,000 80 (Installs) x \$1000=\$80,000	Work to begin fall of 2016 and to be completed by January 2017
FHS	Installation of 18 chrome-book carts.	18 carts 540 chrome books	18(carts) x \$1000=\$18,000 540 x 450=\$243,000	Work to begin fall of 2016 and to be completed by winter 2017
Dodd	Installation of 5 chrome-book carts.	5 carts 150 chrome books	5(carts) x \$1000=\$5,000 150 x 450=\$67,500	Work to begin fall of 2016 and to be completed by winter 2017
Atkinson	Installation of 8 chrome-book carts.	8 carts 240 chrome books	8(carts) x \$1000=\$8,000 240 x 450=\$108,000	Work to begin fall of 2016 and to be completed by winter 2017
K-4	Installation of 25 chrome-book carts.	25 carts 750 chrome books	25(carts) x \$1000=\$25,000 750 x 450=\$337,500	Work to begin fall of 2016 and to be completed by winter 2017

	Installation of 14 iPad carts	12 iPad carts 420 iPads	14 x \$1000=\$14,000 420 @ 450=\$162,000	
Phase 1 Total Costs : \$1,495,000				
Phase 2				
Location	Focus	Details	Cost	Timeline
FHS	Grade 9-12 Student Devices	1-1 Chrome-book device rollout (2,100)	2,100 x \$450=\$945,000	Work to begin summer of 2017 and to be completed by Fall 2017
Atkinson	Conversion of Portables to permanent learning spaces	Replace four existing portables with classrooms	\$2,600,000	Work to begin summer 2017 and to be completed by fall 2017
Phase 2 Total Costs : \$3,545,000				
Phase 3				
Location	Focus	Details	Cost	Timeline
Atkinson/Dodd	Grade 5-8 Student Devices	1-1 Chrome-book device rollout (2,000)	2,000 x 450=\$900,000	Work to begin summer of 2018 and to be completed by Fall 2018
Phase 3 Total Costs : \$900,000				

Part 2:

Professional Development

The Freeport Public Schools recognizes the importance of ongoing and sustained professional development for staff and students. The District is committed to provide professional development to ensure that staff can employ the technology purchase through the Smart School Bond. This will ensure all our teachers, school administrators and staff will be empowered to best utilize these new technologies for instructional purposes.

The Freeport Public Schools will continue to employ an instructional technology coach, utilize Model School days through Nassau BOCES, engage with expert consultants and provide offsite and onsite professional development for staff to support the SSIP classroom technology devices. The Professional Development Planning team in conjunction with the Technology Committee will monitor and evaluate the impact of professional development regularly.

Part 3:

Sustainability

The District currently contracts with Nassau BOCES for ongoing technical support for our IT Infrastructure and devices. This will ensure sustainability of the District's technology infrastructure. In addition The District will integrate the Smart Schools Bond purchases into the existing district's Equipment replacement cycle. Each year the district allocates funds for the normal repair cost of the learning devices in the district.

Part 4:

Timeline

The District will make multiple submissions to the State Education Department SSBA Program for our SSBA Allocation and Projects. Once the Investment Plan is approved by the State, the District will begin necessary preparations to begin the installation and implementation of classroom devices K-12. Actual dates are to be determined as this project requires pre-approval by the New York State Education Department prior to the start of work. Once the SSIP is approved the District will begin gradually purchasing devices in accordance with the aforementioned phases. All purchases will be made in accordance with the District's purchasing policy. The district will also include this new equipment in its existing inventory database and monitor it to ensure equipment is securely maintained and supported at its designated locations.

This document has been posted to the Freeport Public School District's website as required by the Smart School Bond Implementation Guidance by the New York State Education Department in order to invite public input prior to the adoption of this plan. It will be available on the website for the next 30 days, culminating in a public hearing before the June 22, 2016 Freeport Public School Board of Education meeting and final approval from our Board of Education.

Part 5:

Public Input

Please contact Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction (gpoole@freeportschools.org) if you have any questions or would like to submit feedback regarding the District's technology plan and/or utilization of Smart School bond funding.

