

NORTHERN ADIRONDACK CENTRAL SCHOOL
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SMART SCHOOLS BOND ACT

SMART SCHOOLS INVESTMENT PLAN: “Round Three”

PLAN OVERVIEW

Governor Cuomo called for New York State to invest \$2 billion in its schools through a Smart Schools Bond Act (SSBA). In November 2014 New Yorkers agreed and voted in the Smart Schools Bond Act (SSBA). This initiative will finance educational technology and infrastructure, providing students access to the latest technology and connectivity needed to succeed and compete in the global economy. The SSBA requires that a Review Board review and approve districts' Smart Schools Investment Plans before any funds may be made available for the program.

The Northern Adirondack Central School District qualifies for \$1,282,179 from the State of New York for the Smart Schools Bond Act. This funding must be used in specific categories, among them Classroom Learning Technology, School Connectivity and High-Tech Security. The first step in applying for this funding was to submit our Instructional Technology Plan to New York State for review. Our Instructional Technology Plan was submitted to the state and approved on November 24, 2015. Our first Smart Schools Investment Plan: “2016-2017” was approved on March 6, 2019 by the NYS Education Department.

Subsequently, various updates to, and renewals of, the District’s Instructional Technology Plan have been submitted and approved as mandated by the SSBA guidelines. Additionally, the District submitted Smart Schools Investment Plan: “Round Two”, which was approved by the NYS Education Department on June 29, 2023.

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 reimbursable, but districts need to spend the money upfront before being reimbursed.

As a requirement of this process, the district must post the proposed “Preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan” on the district’s website for at least 30 days to allow for public comment. We encourage all community members to review the plan and comment.

PLAN GOALS

The technology mission of the Northern Adirondack Central School District is to integrate technology to enhance, improve, engage and stimulate the learning environment. Students and staff will use technology as a tool to build skills to become lifelong learners and responsible citizens. Within curricular contexts, students and staff will master techniques in various technologies. Technology will be used to strengthen both career and professional development and to increase the quality and quantity of communication within the school district and throughout the global community.

We value acquiring and using technology to support the missions of the Northern Adirondack CSD. The Northern Adirondack Central School District will make technology equally available to all stakeholders in classroom settings and for career development, so that they may become resourceful and skilled 21st century learners.

Stakeholder and community input and feedback were used to determine key area(s) of investment as part of the Smart Schools Investment Plan: "Round Three", as herein described.

PURCHASE PLAN

Classroom Learning Technology

Enhancing creative & collaborative learning for a 21st Century global community

Continue the initiative of 2:1 devices for K-1 students.

Continue the Initiative of 1:1 devices for all students in grades 2-12.

School Connectivity

Working to establish and maintain reliable connectivity for all users

Acquire Universal Power Supply (UPS) devices to support uninterrupted connectivity of necessary equipment and support devices during temporary loss of power.

High-Tech Security

To enhance and improve the security on and around the District's Campus.

To upgrade and make substantive additions to the District-Wide Video Camera System.

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

<u>Budget Category</u>	<u>Total Allocation</u>	<u>2016-17” Expend.</u>	<u>“Round Two” Expend.</u>	<u>“Round Three” Budget</u>
Classroom Learning Technology	.00	237,832	414,075	39,933
School Connectivity	.00	7,000	.00	45,854
High-Tech Security	.00	17,360	.00	520,125
Total	\$1,282,179	\$ 262,192	\$ 414,075	\$ 605,912

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Professional development, including continuing education and training of faculty and staff, will ensure the ongoing integration of emerging technologies. This will ensure that NAC teachers, school administrators, and staff will be empowered to best utilize these new technologies for instructional purposes. This plan recognizes that transforming classrooms into active learning environments requires a fundamental change in the culture of schools.

SUSTAINABILITY

We recognize that one-time expenditures for technology hardware that has a limited life presents challenges with regard to sustainability once the technology is integrated into the classroom. Careful consideration is therefore given to the allocation of funds within the SSBA. Portions of the Smart Schools grant will be incorporated into the district's existing replacement cycle to augment the regular budget. Multi-year purchase agreements will be supported through Northeastern Regional Information Center (NERIC).

FEEDBACK

Public input is welcome. Please send comments to: SS1Pfeedback@nacs1.org