Albion Central School's Smart Schools Initiative

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Smart Bond Initiative

Passed by New York voters in November of 2014
Awarded \$2 billion to all schools based on
enrollment and State Aid formula

Albion's allocation was \$2,238,441

Rules for the use of these funds

Six Categories:

- Classroom Connectivity
- Classroom Technology
- Community Connection
- Pre-K Classroom Improvements
- Elimination of Temporary/Trailer Classrooms
- School Security and Safety

What you can't do:

- You cannot pay salaries.
- You cannot pay for software.
- You cannot pay for professional development.

You are expected to provide these, but you can't pay for them from the Bond.

Step 1:

- Administration works with the District's architects to establish priorities in the approved categories.
- Consideration to:
 - Albion Central Technology Plan
 - Building Condition Survey

Step 2:

 Establish a Smart Bond Planning Committee to review the administration proposals.

Committee Responsibilities

Committee reviews the preliminary proposals from the District and formulates a recommendation to the Board of Education.

This Technology Committee has met and endorses this proposal.

Albion Central School wishes to purchase Safety and Security resources.

Emergency Classroom Notification Replace current PA/Clock System with digital classroom speakers and displays.

These devices serve as a digital notification system with audio and display notifications



The budget for this system is max \$1,800,000



The district has also identified the need to update the IT Network to support these devices.

The district proposes to use \$15,000 from the Smart Bond and \$55,000 from the Universal Service Fund. (Erate)

The net cost to this entire project is zero to the local taxpayers.

\$0.00

Next Steps

- 1. The Board of Education can accept the proposal as the preliminary plan.
- 2. Smart Schools Investment Plan is then published on the District's website with an email address for public comments for 30 days.

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- 3. After 30 Days the Board of Education hosts a Public Hearing for Public Comment on this plan.
- 4. After the Public Hearing and consideration of comments, the Board of Education can adopt this proposal or return it to the administration.
- 5. Approved plan churns around NYSED for 8 to 10 months prior to approval.

Next Steps

Any funds remaining are "Evergreen."

They continue to be available for future Smart School applications.

QUESTIONS?

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