

Susquehanna Valley CSD Smart Schools Investment Plan

Overview:

The Smart School Bond Act 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 Smart Schools Bond Act authorized the issuance of \$2 billion of general obligation bonds to finance improved educational technology and infrastructure to improve learning and opportunity for students throughout the State. The purpose of the Smart Schools Bond Act is to improve learning and opportunity for public and nonpublic school students by funding capital projects to:

1. Install high-speed broadband or wireless internet connectivity for schools and communities.
2. Acquire learning technology equipment or facilities, including but not limited to interactive whiteboards, computer servers, and desktop, laptop, and tablet computers.
3. Construct, enhance, and modernize educational facilities to accommodate prekindergarten programs and to provide instructional space to replace classroom trailers.
4. Install high-tech security features in school buildings and on school campuses, including but not limited to video surveillance, emergency notification systems, and physical access controls.

Development of the Plan:

Development of the Plan Pursuant with the requirements of the Smart Schools Bond Act the Susquehanna Valley Technology Department, utilizing the Shared Decision making committee to initiate a discussion with parents, teachers, students and community members. From this discussion, the Technology Department developed this plan based on the information collected and the major needs of the district in regards to helping increase academic success and decreasing the achievement gap between our socio-economic groups. All districts are required to submit a Smart Schools Improvement Plan to demonstrate how Smart Schools Bond Act funds will be used to provide the educational tools and opportunities students throughout New York State will need to succeed in the 21st century economy. Susquehanna Valley's allocation is \$1,594,225 and we will be separating the project into two phases.

Budgetary Categories of the Plan

Below are the budgetary sub-allocations, by category, the Susquehanna Valley Central School District is submitting for approval by the State in relation to our allocation.

High Tech Security Features:

- Installation of Secure Vestibules - \$261,000.00
 - Secure vestibules would be built at main entrances of the following buildings: Susquehanna Valley High School, District Office, Richard T. Stank Middle School, Brookside Elementary and Donnelly Elementary. The vestibule would allow for visitors to enter a secure area while determining their need for entrance to the remainder of the building. If access is needed, the visitor would enter through a controlled door.
- Replacement of Security Cameras - \$489,479.96
 - Security cameras would be replaced at the following buildings: Susquehanna Valley High School, Richard T. Stank Middle School, Brookside Elementary and Donnelly Elementary.
 - Install additional security cameras as needed across buildings.

School Connectivity:

- Technology Infrastructure Updates - \$242,969.34
 - Technology Infrastructure would be enhanced and updated at the following school buildings: Susquehanna Valley High School, Richard T. Stank Middle School, Brookside Elementary and Donnelly Elementary. This includes additional network infrastructure: UPS, cabling, switches, battery backups, servers and access points.

Classroom Learning Technology:

- Update AV infrastructure District Wide - \$487,830.00
 - Update AV infrastructure district wide including presentation equipment, projectors and smartboard replacements and additions.

Estimated Project Costs

Budget Category	Sub-Allocation
School Connectivity	\$242,969.34
Classroom Technology	\$487,830.00
High Tech Security Features	\$750,479.96
TOTAL	\$1,481,279.30

Sustainability:

The Susquehanna Valley Central School District has demonstrated over the course of the last three years within its Technology Plan its dedication to integrating technology into the classrooms and providing students and teachers with the instruction they need to maintain a high level of success utilizing these devices. The District has also shown its willingness to maintain an academic program that will provide students with real-world skills that can be transferred into their core classes to make sure all our students heading into high school are on the road to being college and career ready. The Technology Department has developed a sustainability plan for all current technology tools as well as those purchased through the Smart Schools Bond Act. The maintenance of the current equipment is already in place, to keep our technology integration running at its peak level. The Technology budget has allocations for regular replacement of antiquated equipment such as Projectors, Server Components, Wi-Fi and incidental item replacements.

Conclusion:

This plan has preliminary approval from our technology committee. It will be available on the website for the next 30 days, culminating in a public hearing before a Board of Education meeting and final approval from our Board of Education. Questions can be directed to:

Jason Luke – Director of Technology
1040 Conklin Road
Conklin, NY 13748
jluke@svsabers.org
(607) 775-9143