

Smart Schools Bond Act

Rocky Point UFSD—BOE and Community Presentation

April 20, 2021



SMART SCHOOLS BOND ACT OF 2014

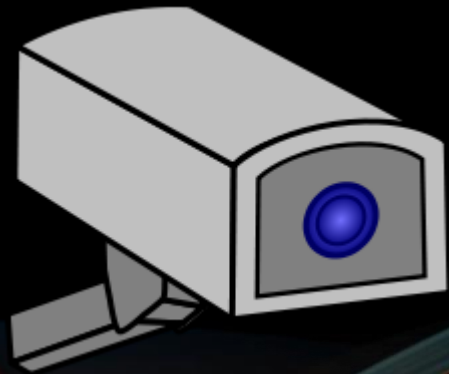
New York's Smart Schools Bond Act was approved by NYS voters on November 4, 2014. The bond act is intended to provide school districts with funding for new educational technology and infrastructure improvements to enhance learning opportunities for all students across the state.

Yes
61.94%



AREAS OF POSSIBLE INVESTMENT

- High speed broadband/wireless connectivity
- Learning technology equipment
- High-tech security features on campus



ROCKY POINT ALLOCATION

- One-time allocation
- No deadlines for submission
- Funds do not expire
- Funds can be reimbursed on an ongoing basis

\$2,450,155

WHAT ARE THE STEPS?

- Review allocation amount
- Identify district needs
- Stakeholder engagement
- Capital planning discussion
- Instructional technology plan
 - ✓ Submitted and approved
- Preliminary Plan submission to BOE
 - ✓ 30-day review April 20 to May 20, 2021
 - ✓ Public comments accepted
- Public Hearings
 - ✓ April 20, 2021
 - ✓ June 14, 2021
- Final plan & BOE approval
- Submit to SED

SMART SCHOOLS IT CONSIDERATIONS

Requires linkage to the District's Instructional Technology Plan which addresses gaps in the District's current level of technology including:

- All items related to network infrastructure to support required increase of wired network, wireless network, and broadband internet access.
- All items related to classroom equipment, learning technology equipment, and student/teacher devices.

OUR STAKEHOLDERS

- Teachers (4-6)
- Students (varies)
- Parents (2-4)
- BOE Member (1)
- Principals/Assistant Principals (4)
- Academic Department Directors/Coordinators/Chairs (2-4)
- Technology Integration Specialist (1)
- District Tech Support (2)
- Assistant Superintendent for Business (1)
- Assistant Superintendent (1)
- Executive Director for Educational Services (1)
- Higher Education (1)

PHASE I PROJECT

(NYSED APPROVED)

- Proposed Cost Wireless Network \$1,035,000
- Actual Cost \$ 879,015
- Amount available for use (amendment needed) \$ 155,985

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Network Closet Cooling Systems

(MUST BE BOE AND NYSED APPROVED)

- Some network closets experience extremely high temperatures.
- Over the past two years, our closet infrastructure has grown—cameras and WiFi installation. The future will include a new IP phone system.
- Cooling the selected closets would help the District to preserve their investment and protect the switches/servers.
- When closets overheat, they will shut down until they become cooler.
- We have 19 closets in total; we would select 7 of the closets most in need.

Approximate cost of cooling 7 select network closets

\$155,985

Comment Period

- In accordance with New York State law, the Rocky Point Union Free School District is offering a 30-day comment period for our community to provide input on the district's amendment to the Smart Schools Bonds Act Phase I Plan.
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Next Technology Meeting

(Open to the Public)

April 28, 2021 @ 3 PM

THANK YOU

