



Smart Schools Bond Act Supplemental Investment Plan

for

“High Tech Security Upgrades”

District Wide

October 4, 2021

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## I. Introduction:

On November 4, 2014, New York State voters approved a statewide referendum, the Smart Schools Bond Act (SSBA), as part of the General Election. This approval authorized the issuance of \$2 billion of general obligation bonds intended to finance the improvement of educational technology and infrastructure throughout the State. As a result of the SSBA, the Yonkers Public Schools was allocated a total of \$23,965,851 to be used in support of the following eligible categories:

- **Educational Technology Equipment** – including but not limited to – interactive whiteboards, desktops, laptops, tablets, servers
- **High Speed Broadband**
- **Wireless Internet Connectivity** – for schools and communities.
- **Construct, Enhance or Modernize Educational Facilities** – to accommodate Pre-K programs to **Provide Instructional Space** – to replace transportable classroom units
- **High-tech Security Features** – in school buildings and campuses

The District has assembled a Smart Schools Bond Act Committee, which includes representatives from all stakeholder groups, as outlined in the SSBA Guidance. The committee has been charged with the development and implementation of the Smart Schools Investment Plan (SSIP).

As is required by the statute, the Yonkers Public Schools has completed and submitted the District's 2015-2018 Instructional Technology Plan and Survey which was approved by the New York State Education Department on October 16, 2015. All anticipated technology related expenditures are in alignment with the goals and expectations of the District's Technology Plan.

## II. Smart Schools Bond Act Committee

- **Reverend Steve Lopez – Yonkers Board of Education, President**
- **Dr. Edwin Quezada – Superintendent of Schools**
- **Ms. Lisette Colon-Collins – Assistant Superintendent**
- **Dr. Luis Rodriguez – Assistant Superintendent**
- **Ms. Rose Collins-Judon – Assistant Superintendent**
- **Dr. Fenix Arias - Manager of Administration**
- **Mr. Erik Wright – Assistant Superintendent**
- **Ms. Maria Angelica Meyer – Assistant Superintendent**
- **Mr. John Carr –Executive Director of Facilities**
- **Ms. Dawn Bartz – Executive Director Social Studies, Science and Instructional Technology**
- **Ms. Elaine Shine – Executive Director of School Improvement**
- **Mr. Christopher Carvalho – Director of Technology**
- **Mr. Brian Schulder – Director of Safety and Security**
- **Mr. Ian Sherman – Principal Lincoln High School**
- **Mr. Nasser Ibrahim – Assistant Principal**
- **Mr. Michael Garbowski – Teacher School 30, Yonkers Federation of Teachers Representative**
- **Ms. Carmen Goodstein – President Yonkers Council of PTA/PTSAs**
- **Mr. Bob Cacace – City of Yonkers Commissioner of IT**
- **Ms. Cheryl Green – City of Yonkers Deputy Commissioner of IT**

### III. Smart Schools Investment Plan Goals

#### High Tech security upgrades at 21 schools requesting \$6.7 million in SSBA Funds

The work is to be done in conformance with the City of Yonkers security system requirements which will include but not be limited to : complete interior and exterior surveillance camera coverage, electronic perimeter door controls and monitoring, cards readers at select operating doors, two way video/audio intercom with remote lock operations at visitor access doors and secure & climate controlled server rooms.

The estimated cost of the entire project is currently \$14 million. The portion eligible for SSBA reimbursement is approximately \$6.7 million. The remaining \$7.3 million, would be eligible for conventional SED building aid at 74.01%. The overall local share will be roughly \$1.9 million.

### IV. Purchase Plan and Allocation of Funds

#### Smart Schools Bond Act / Subcategory Allocation District Wide High Tech Security Upgrades

SSBA CATEGORY	ALLOCATION
High Speed Broadband	\$0.00
Learning Technology Equipment or Facilities	\$0.00
Construct, enhance, modernize Prekindergarten facilities and/or trailer replacement	\$0.00
High Tech Security	\$6,690,978.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,690,978.00</b>

#### Overall Projected Expenditure Areas

Project	Total
Equipment and installing cost	\$4,230,985.95
Air conditioning, door hardening and project incidentals	\$2,459,990.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,690,978.00</b>

## **V. Timeline**

The anticipated time required to complete the process of design bid and build for 21 schools is 36 to 48 months from the date of authorization to proceed. It is hoped that construction for 4 schools out of the 21 schools can be scheduled for 2022-2023.

## **VI. Appendix**

For additional information on the Smart Schools Bond Act, please visit the website below:

**Smart Schools Bond Act Website:**

[http://www.p12.nysed.gov/mgtserv/smart\\_schools/home.html](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/mgtserv/smart_schools/home.html)

This website contains all of the information related to the SSBA including SSBA Guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

The Yonkers Public Schools' plan will be posted on the District's website ([www.yonkerspublicschools.org](http://www.yonkerspublicschools.org)) to give all District stakeholders the opportunity to review the plan and provide written feedback, comments or concerns via the email address below. Additionally, the District will host a public forum where stakeholders will have another opportunity to ask questions or provide additional feedback or comments. Please direct any written comments, email preferred, to:

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