

# Smart Schools Bond Act Committee

## Niagara Falls City Schools

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# Charge to the Committee

- ▶ The Smart Schools Bond Act of 2014 was included in the 2014-2015 Enacted State Budget. The purpose of the Act is to provide funding to school districts to improve educational technology and infrastructure, and to improve learning opportunities. The charge to the Smart Schools Bond Act Committee is to develop and receive approval of a Smart Schools Investment Plan by following all protocols of the legislation.
- ▶ **Niagara Falls Allocation - \$8,865,240**

# Smart Schools Bond Task Committee

Committee Co-Chairs - Darlene Sprague / Earl Smeal

## Technology Committee Members

- ▶ Diane Bianco
  - ▶ David Brooks
  - ▶ Richard Carella
  - ▶ Roger Carroll
  - ▶ Tina Gregory
  - ▶ Melanie Kitchen
  - ▶ Ray Granieri
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| Edwin Maynard   |
| Ronni McGrath   |
| Gerald Orfano   |
| Alicia Savino   |
| Derek Zimmerman |
| Phillip Miano   |

## Teachers

- ▶ Richard Meranto
- ▶ David St. Onge
- ▶ Edward Wisniewski

## Non Pub Representatives

- ▶ Catholic Academy of NF, Jeannine Fortunate
- ▶ Niagara Catholic - Christine Muto
- ▶ Jennifer Rhoads

## Other District Staff

- ▶ Mark Laurrie
- ▶ Joe Giarrizzo

## Higher Education

- Patricia Wrobel, Niagara University
- Monica Lopoyda, NCCC

## Parents

- Mrs. Brook Nigro (Maple Ave, Gaskill Prep)
- Ms. Becky Hedgepeth (Niagara Street)
- Ms. Darlene Kislack (NFHS)

## Community Members

- NF Housing Authority - Antonette Polito
- Randy Palladino 940-6007

## Students

- Chris Coleman
- Megan Scime
- Naomi Palmer

# Documents Used in the Process

- ▶ Smart Schools Bond Act Implementation Guidance
- ▶ Smart Schools Investment Plan
- ▶ Instructional Computer Technology Tools 2015 - 2016
- ▶ Meeting Minutes
  - ▶ Introduction and Charge to Committee PowerPoint
  - ▶ Workshop to brainstorm items to include in the Investment Plan
  - ▶ Phasing Plans

# Smart School Categories

## ★ Learning Technology

Acquire learning technology equipment or facilities, including but not limited to interactive whiteboards, computer servers, and desktop, laptop, and tablet computers.

### *Broadband & Wireless Internet*

*Install high-speed broadband or wireless internet connectivity for schools and communities.*

## ★ Security Features

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.

### *Pre-K and Other Instructional Space*

*Construct, enhance, and modernize educational facilities to accommodate pre-kindergarten programs and to provide instructional space to replace classroom trailers.*

# Investment Plan Process

- ▶ Districts develop and Board approves draft Smart Schools Investment Plans.
- ▶ Plans are posted on district websites and notice is provided to the public regarding a hearing. It must be posted for at least 30 days.
- ▶ Community feedback is provided at hearing and via written comments.
- ▶ The district plan is finalized and approved by the Board.
- ▶ The final plan is posted on the district website.
- ▶ District plans are submitted via the Business Portal for review.

# Where Are We In The Process

- ✓ Comprehensive Technology Plan - NFCSD Board Approved May 2015
- ✓ Technology Plan Survey Submitted to WNYRIC - 7/16/15
  - ✓ Approved 10/20/15
- ✓ Committee Meeting - September 2015 - Introduction and Charge
- ✓ Committee Meeting - October 2015 - Itemization Workshop
- ✓ Committee Meeting - November 2015 - Review Priority and Phasing
- Prepare Investment Plan - November 2015
- Board Approve Draft Plan - December 2015
- Posted on District Website - December 2015 - January 2016
- Public hearing - January 2016
- District Plan Finalized and Approved by Board - January 2016
- Review Board meets Quarterly - Target 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2016

# Committee Recommendations

## ★ Learning Technology

Phase	Description
1	1:1 computer devices with carts - preference was for 2 in 1 devices
1	Upgrade Digital Photography Lab computers at NFHS
1	Update Stem lab (Innovations at NFHS) with larger robust computers/bigger monitor for CAD
1 **	TV studio: Replace outdated camera (NFHS, GPS)
1 **	TV Studio: Replace older video mixer (NFHS, GPS)
3	3D Projectors on carts
3	Equipment for virtual fieldtrips
3	Tablets with charging cart
3	Stem related equipment, robotic devices, digital microscopes
3	Verizon Classroom Drone
N/E (NYSTL funds)	Scribe pens for students with disabilities
N/E (NYSTL funds)	Headphones/headsets
N/E (NYSTL funds)	High tech graphing calculators
General Fund	Smartboard Update Projectors
BOCES	New or additional servers - Increase storage for student/teachers

N/E – not eligible under guidelines

\*\* - need to check if eligible



# ★ Committee Recommendations

## Security Features

Phase	Description
	<b>Security Camera Systems</b>
2	New cameras at various locations
2	New camera lighting
2	Cameras in key places in the building (exit/entry, playground, swimming pool)
2	Panic buttons at school entrances
3	Wireless communications devices ) replacement for walkie talkies)
3	Underwater camera for safety that has emergency detection of a passive drowning victim
N/E*	New camera in pre-K class (non-pub request)
	<b>PA System</b>
2	District-wide public address system - more than current radio system Replace PAS at Hyde Park and Cataract
Not needed	Emergency notification by text - School Messenger in place already
N/E*	Communication system that reaches all classrooms/ cafeteria (non-pub request)
	<b>Building Access System (Proxy cards)</b>
2	Update system
2	Ability to turn access on and off, to eliminate persons entering during lockdowns, closures, etc.
	<b>Entrance Security System</b>
1	3M film on windows
2	Door frame replacement so alarms will sound / Open Door Alert
no	Metal detectors

## Draft Investment Proposal

### Classroom Technology

Phase	Description	Cost
1	6,720 Classroom devices for laptop carts to facilitate each student having a computer device to use in the classrooms at Gaskill Prep, LaSalle Prep and Niagara Falls High Devices are 2 in 1 with tablet and laptop functionality built in, 10 inch screen and attached keyboard which meet New York State Computer Based Testing requirements 55 carts at GPS (30 per cart) 57 carts at LPS (30 per cart) 112 carts at NFHS (30 per cart)	\$ 5,093,760
1	Digital Photography Lab computers at NFHS	\$ 89,845
1	Stem lab (Innovations at NFHS) with larger robust computers/bigger monitor for CAD work using SolidWorks and MasterCam.	\$ 28,650
1	Student operated TV studios: Replace outdated cameras (NFHS, GPS) NFHS - 4KCAM Camcorder with Streaming host and microphone kit	\$ 7,175
1	Student operated TV Studio: Replace older video mixer (NFHS) 12 input HD Video Switcher with various inputs and outputs 18.5 inch HDTV professional monitor with stand with various input and output ports. Student operated TV studios (LPS, GPS) HDMI video switcher with 4 inputs with cabling HDMI to Composit Down Converter	\$ 10,166
<b>Security Features</b>		
<b><i>Entrance Security System</i></b>		
1	Polyester film on all entrances to deter breaking of windows to gain entry calculated approx 2,400 square feet per building, 11 buildings	\$ 212,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 5,441,596</b>