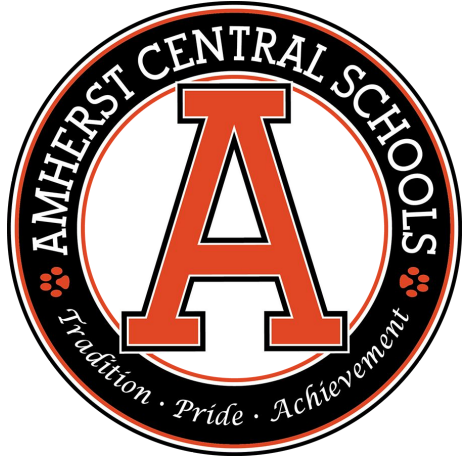




Smart Schools Bond Act



Final Smart Schools Investment Plan (SSIP)

November 19, 2019



Background

- Authorized by NYS voters on November 4, 2014
- Approved issuance of \$2B in bonds for:
 - Install high speed internet
 - Upgrade and purchase technology
 - Construct and enhance Pre-K classrooms
 - Install high tech security systems



Amherst CSD Allocation

- Amherst CSD's share of the \$2B in bonds is

\$1,043,273



Required Steps to Project Approval

- Develop Preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan (SSIP) with key stakeholders.
- BOE approval of Preliminary SSIP.
- Post Preliminary SSIP on website for thirty (30) days, allowing the public time to submit questions and comments.
- Present Preliminary SSIP in a public hearing.
- Develop Final SSIP with key stakeholders.
- Present Final SSIP to the Board of Education for approval.
- Submit to NYSED Smart Schools Review Board for approval.



Who are Key Stakeholders?

- District Board of Education members
- District Administration - one from each building
- District Teachers - one from each building
- Students - from High School
- Parents
- Community Members
- Non-public school representatives
- District Architects and Construction Management Teams, if needed



SSBA Timeline

- September 25, 2019 - Meeting with key stakeholders to develop Preliminary SSIP.
- October 1, 2019 - BOE approves Preliminary SSIP.
- October 2 - November 4, 2019 - Public comment period, minimum thirty days, Preliminary SSIP on District website.
- November 5, 2019 - Hold public hearing to present details of Preliminary SSIP to public.
- November 6, 2019 - Meeting with key stakeholders to review public comments and develop Final SSIP.
- November 19, 2019 - Present Final SSIP to Board of Education for approval. Once approved, submit to NYSED Review Board.



Final SSIP

Student and staff safety is a top priority for the Amherst Central School District. With that in mind, the Smart Schools Bond Committee recommends moving forward with the following project as the Preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan.

The District will provide and install an enhanced public address system in Smallwood Drive Elementary School, Windermere Boulevard Elementary School, and the Amherst Middle School to improve communications and security for emergency events and day-to-day operations. Systems will provide audible communications throughout the interior and exterior of the buildings, visual notification alerts in high ambient volume areas to alert occupants of a message and ability to perform district wide pages across all District buildings to streamline lines of communication. "Check-in" switches will be deployed in all student occupied spaces to be used to indicate an area is secured in an emergency event and can act as a duress button during normal operations. The systems will offer administration the means to remotely interface with the system to provide the utmost flexibility to convey important communications to students and staff during emergency events. This system has already been installed in the Amherst High School as part of the \$29.6M Capital Project.

Estimated Total Cost: Approximately \$839,000

Smallwood Drive Elementary School - \$215,000

Windermere Boulevard Elementary School - \$265,000

Amherst Middle School - \$359,000



Information and Resources

- Amherst SSBA Webpage:
<https://www.amherstschoools.org/domain/821>
- NYSED SSBA Webpage:
http://www.p12.nysed.gov/mgtserv/smart_schools/home.html