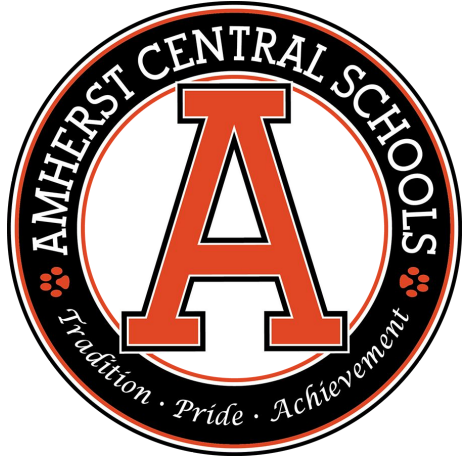




# Smart Schools Bond Act



Smart School Bond Act - Initial Information

September 3, 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



## Next Steps

- 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.



## Information and Resources

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