

***Greater Johnstown
School District
Smart Schools Bond Initiative***

AUGUST 26, 2021



Smart Schools Bond Initiative

- Passed by New York State Voters in November of 2014;
- Awarded \$2 Billion to all NYS schools based on enrollment and state aid formula.

Greater Johnstown School District
Award \$1,755,889



Rules for use of These Funds

Six (6) categories:

- Classroom Connectivity
- Classroom Technology
- Community Connection
- Pre-K Classroom Improvements
- Elimination of Temporary or Trailer Classrooms
- School Security and Safety

What You Can Not Do....

- You cannot pay salaries;*
- You cannot pay for software;*
- You cannot pay for professional development.*

You are expected to provide these, but you cannot pay for them from the Bond.

Step One: Consultation

District administration consults with district architect on possible projects based on long term district goals.

This includes:

- ***Five year facilities review***
- ***District Technology Plan***
- ***Capital Projects***
- ***Safety Planning***

Step 2: Form a Smart Schools Planning Committee

❑ ***This shared decision making committee must endorse any proposed Smart Schools Bond Initiative for the district.***

Committee Membership

- ***Student***
- ***Teacher***
- ***Administrator***
- ***School Board member***
- ***Community member***

Step 2: Form a Smart Schools Planning Committee

- ✓ *This Committee met recently and endorsed the Phase Two proposal for submission to the Board of Education.*
- ✓ *Any future amended or supplemental plans must be endorsed by this committee.*

Greater Johnstown SD Award – Two Phases

Greater Johnstown utilizes these award monies in two phases.

Greater Johnstown SD- Phase One

Greater Johnstown used their first submission to purchase Interactive Video Boards for classroom installations to support student learning.

Greater Johnstown SD- Phase One

**The Phase One application encumbered
ALL of the district's award of \$1,755,889.
Therefore, we must file an amendment to
re-allocate the funds for the proposed
Phase Two work.**

Greater Johnstown SD- Phase 2

*Greater Johnstown School District wishes
to provide a safe learning environment
with adequate technology infrastructure to
support student learning.*



Greater Johnstown SD- Phase 2- Priority

***Install an Emergency Classroom
Communication System that allows
reliable, and secure communication in the
event of an emergency.***

Greater Johnstown SD- Phase 2 - Priority

Combine additional Federal Universal Service Funds (ERATE) dollars along with Smart Schools dollars for required network expenditures.

Next Steps

If the Board chooses to accept the Phase Two plan as the preliminary plan:

- **This plan will be posted on the district website for a minimum of 30 days.**
- **Board of Education Meeting in October, the board can approve this plan and the application can be submitted to the State.**

Questions ??

***Any questions after tonight's meeting
can be addressed to:***

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