

Smart Schools Investment Plan (SSIP)

Brookhaven-Comsewogue Union Free School District

SUPPLEMENTAL SUBMISSION #2 - \$1,004,127*

TOTAL Smart Schools Bond Act allocation - \$2,813,720.00

Smart Schools Investment Plan Initial Application #1: **\$1,809,435.00**

Smart Schools Investment Plan Initial Application #1 - Amendment 1: **-\$462.00**

Smart Schools Investment Plan Initial Application #1 - Amendment 2: **-\$983.53**

Smart Schools Investment Plan Application #2: **\$1,004,127***

Last updated: 1/18/2022

Executive Summary

“In January 2014, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo called for New York State to invest \$2 billion in its schools through a Smart Schools Bond Act (SSBA) that will build out schools and classrooms for the 21st Century to ensure that our students graduate with the skills they need to thrive in the economy of today and tomorrow. Voters approved the Bond Act in November 2014.”

(<http://programs.governor.ny.gov/smart-schools-ny>)

The above quote from the governor’s office identifies the origination of the funds available for the Brookhaven-Comsewogue Union Free School District. The funds identified by the Department of Education for Comsewogue total \$2,813,720. Through the spring of 2017 the community was apprised of the passage of the Smart Schools Bond Act and now the next steps required to obtain the funds have been identified. Throughout the spring of 2017 and moving forward through the process, the school district has engaged with a multitude of stakeholders:

1. Parents - via curriculum council meetings, technology meetings and board meetings
2. Teachers –via curriculum council meetings, technology meetings and board meetings
3. Students – via curriculum council meetings, technology meetings and board meetings
4. Community members – via curriculum council meetings, technology meetings and board meetings
5. Nonpublic school – Sunshine Prevention Center

Smart Schools Investment Plan Proposed Timeline

The following steps must be completed to fulfill the requirement of the NY State Education Department and thus allowing access to the allocated funds:

- Comsewogue School District developed a sub-committee off of our Technology and Curriculum Council - [Meeting](#)
 - November 15, 2021
- District posted the Approved Preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan and posted it on the [district website](#) for at least 30 days.
 - December 7, 2021
- The district must include an address to which any written comments on the Plan should be sent:
 - Written comments were able to be submitted via email to Don Heberer, Ed.D., District Administrator for Instructional Technology at dheberer@comsewogue.k12.ny.us
- The Board has conducted a hearing that will enable stakeholders to respond to the Preliminary Plan. This hearing may occur as part of a normal Board meeting, but adequate notice of the event must be provided through local media and the district website for at least two weeks prior to the meeting.
 - January 12, 2022
- District has prepared a final plan for Board approval.
 - January 12, 2022
- Final plan has been posted on the district website.
 - January 13, 2022
- District will submit Smart Schools Investment Plans through the Business Portal for review.
 - January, 2022
- Plans may be amended after the initial approval has been approved. Any amendment of an approved Plan that would result in a change of more than 25 percent of approved budget expenditures will require the district superintendent to post the proposed amendments on the district website for two weeks and receive comments from the public in writing or at a normally convened meeting of the Board.

Key Initiative for Smart School Funds

- Continue to Support and Refresh 1 to 1 Initiative to support curriculum, remote learning, and testing.

One to One Initiative

Through our one to one initiative, we offer students modern skills and learning opportunities that are independent of time and location. Having a one-to-one platform required us to rethink every aspect of our education system. It demanded more than teaching students to be problem solvers and effective collaborators. Students have had the opportunity to be actively engaged in their learning through the support of a wide variety of technology infrastructure, computer and device hardware as well as support staff. With the 1:1 Chromebook initiative throughout the district, we looked critically at our pedagogy and how we can move to more active learning in student-centered classrooms. Students engaged in active learning are making their own meaning and constructing their own knowledge in the process. All of our planning, teaching, and assessing is centered around the needs and abilities of students. We provide a learning environment that supports the strengths and needs of individual learners, preparing students to be college and career ready. Technology enables teachers to provide students with resources to meet their individual learning styles. We have already provided Chromebooks to all of our High School and Middle School students to bring to and from school so they can learn in school and/or remotely. We have provided our elementary school students with Chromebooks in their Classrooms so they can learn with the technology. We also have opportunities in which the students can bring the devices home as needed. In order to continue with our district 1 to 1 initiative we need to refresh our devices that are nearing End of Life and will no longer receive critical security updates. The Smart School bond money will ensure that secure Chromebook devices are kept in the hands of each student at Comsewogue. This improves access for our students to the myriad resources available through Google for Education and continues access to a number of online resources and environments. Our one to one initiative supports Comsewogue's Problem Based Learning, Social Emotional Learning and Student focused initiatives.

Device	Cost Per Unit	Number of Units	Total Cost
Acer R753 Chromebook	\$403*	2319	934,557
Chromebook Licenses/ Fees	\$30	2319	\$69,570
TOTAL			\$1,004,127*

Summary

Key Initiative	Costs
One to One Chromebook Refresh	\$1,004,127*
Overall Costs:	\$1,004,127*

*cost/unit updated based on new information on 1/18/2022