Smart Schools Bond Act

Investment Plan Whitehall CSD

What is the SSBA?

The purpose of the Smart Schools Bond Act is to improve learning and opportunity for public and nonpublic school students by funding capital projects to:

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

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

3. Construct, enhance, and modernize educational facilities to accommodate prekindergarten programs and to provide instructional space to replace classroom trailers.

4. 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.

What are the focus areas for the SSBA?

- Community & school connectivity
- Pre-K & mobile classrooms
- High-tech security
- Classroom technology/devices

SSBA Process Implementation:

1. Allocation - $872,121
2. Instructional Technology Plans - approved 2018-21
3. Stakeholder engagement /identify district needs - projects may be completed in phases
4. Two possible paths:
   a. Capital planning - projects follow standard process or
   b. Stand-alone does not require voter approval
5. Plan draft -post on website for community input
6. Board plan approval
7. Plan submission
8. Review
9. Approval by SED
10. Expenditure and Reimbursement of Funds

SSBA FAQ

Smart Schools Investment & Technology Plan Focus

School Connectivity - District Goals 1-4
Security - District Goal 1,4
Classroom Learning Technology - District Goals 1-4

District Technology Goals:
1) Continued reliable communication
2) Continued curriculum integration
3) Continued technology integration
4) Proactive infrastructure development

How does Whitehall CSD intend to use Smart Schools Bond Act to target **school connectivity** in school buildings and on school campuses?

- Upgrade current fiber connection to improve/expand campus with internet, phones, and security
- Upgrade internal connections to 10G
- Replace current Wifi to expand coverage and increase speed and performance - partially subsidized through e-rate

How does Whitehall CSD intend to use Smart Schools Bond Act funds to install high-tech **security** features in school buildings and on school campuses?

- Upgrade current security cameras and consolidate servers
- Upgrade current access control systems
- Integrate security systems into "one button" lockdown solution

How does Whitehall CSD intend to use Smart Schools Bond Act funds for **classroom learning technology** in school buildings and on school campuses?

- Upgrade classroom interactive whiteboards
- Upgrade student and teacher devices
- Upgrade end of life servers

Next Steps:

- The plan will be posted on the website for 30 days to receive community feedback, which can be sent to smartschoolsbondact@railroaders.net.
- The plan will be submitted to the state.