

# Smart Schools Bond Act

LAURENS CENTRAL SCHOOL

# What is the Smart Schools Bond Act?

- ▶ The Smart Schools Bond Act (SSBA) authorized the issuance of \$2 billion of general obligation bonds by New York State to finance improved educational technology and infrastructure (the categories for which funds are available are school connectivity, community connectivity, instructional hardware, Pre-K classrooms, and security features) to improve learning and opportunity for students throughout the State. The SSBA requires that a Review Board review and approve districts' Smart Schools Investment Plans before any funds may be made available for the program.



# So how much money would LCS get?

- ▶ Under the Smart Schools Bond Act, Laurens Central School is eligible for:

\$489,555



# Sounds great! What do we have to do?

- ▶ 1. Submit a Technology Plan Survey to NYSED.
- ▶ 2. Submit a Smart Schools Bond Act Investment Plan to NYSED.
- ▶ 3. Work with an architect to submit a proposal to the Office of Facilities Planning and get a project approved by NYSED.
- ▶ 4. Pay for the project with District funds (We will be reimbursed once we submit proof of completion to NYSED).



# Technology Plan Survey

- ▶ We have completed our Technology Plan Survey, submitted it and had it approved by the New York State Education Department.
- ▶ The following were our District priorities for technology over the next several years:
  - ▶ 1. Upgrade of the District's web site.
  - ▶ 2. Installation of a new IP-based surveillance camera system to improve our efforts to maintain student safety and building security.
  - ▶ 3. Professional development that leads to the successful implementation of the Brain Honey LMS.
  - ▶ 4. Purchase and implementation of a mobile distance learning cart to supplement the existing DL Room.
  - ▶ 5. Complete the installation of interactive whiteboards in all remaining elementary and secondary classrooms that do not have them.
  - ▶ 6. Upgrading the District's in-house wireless Internet capabilities.
  - ▶ 7. Replacement of LCD projectors installed during the 2008 capital project that have reached end of life status.
  - ▶ 8. Ensure that all District machines are using Windows 2007 and the Microsoft Office 2013 Suite and that users receive the necessary training to become proficient with the software.

# SSBA Investment Plan

- ▶ Our Smart Schools Bond Act Investment Plan has been submitted to the NYS Education Department. Our funding would be allocated as follows:

**\$257,455** would be used for the installation of a new security camera system.

**\$232,110** would be used to upgrade the District's wireless Internet capabilities.

**(These costs include architectural fees.)**

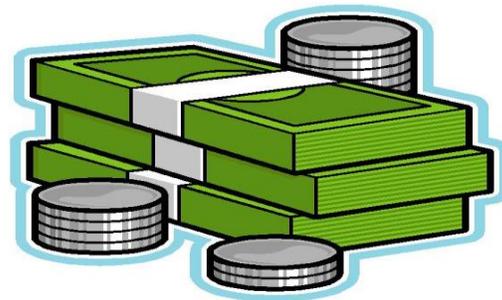
# Submission of Proposal

- ▶ Romona Wenck, Steve West, Will Golinski and Bill Dorritie met with King and King Architects to develop a Smart Schools Bond Act project proposal. The proposal includes completion of all of the work for the wireless Internet infrastructure and the security camera hardware installation.
- ▶ The proposal has been assigned a project number by the NYSED Office of Facilities Planning and plans will be submitted some time in November.



# Funding

- ▶ We will be using **\$489,555** from the District's capital reserve to complete the project. Because we will be reimbursed for the full amount by the Smart Schools Bond Act funding, we do *not* have to put this particular project up for a public vote.
- ▶ We will be reimbursed within 90 days of proof of completion of work.



# Questions or Comments?



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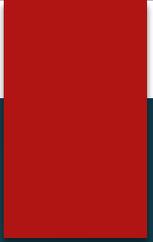
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