

Public Input Requested in Response to Phase 1 of the Rhinebeck School District's New York State Smart Schools Bond Act Investment Plan

The Smart Schools Bond Act (SSBA) was approved by the voters of New York State during the General Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. Its approval by the State's voters authorized \$2 billion of general obligation bonds to finance educational technology and infrastructure to improve learning and opportunity for students throughout the State.

The Rhinebeck Central School District is eligible to receive up to \$277,206. The purpose of the Smart Schools Bond Act is to improve learning and opportunity for public and nonpublic school students.

School districts must submit a Smart School Investment Plan (SSIP) in each area for which they request funding. A State Review Board will review and approve districts' SSIPs before any funds are made available for the program.

Rhinebeck Plan Phase 1: Amendment Infrastructure Plan Cost Reduction

The district had several infrastructure upgrades that were submitted in the original Phase 1 plan that needed to be addressed immediately and could not wait for the SmartSchool Bond approval process. The district paid for these out of general fund monies and is moving the remaining balance of Phase 1 monies back to be used in future phases.

The balance of monies being returned to the original award is \$22,006.26

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