



BYRON BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL

SMART SCHOOL BOND INITIATIVE
PHASE 2

JANUARY 2022



Smart School Bond Initiative

Passed by New York Voters in November of 2014

Awarded \$2 Billion to all public schools based on enrollment
and Foundation Aid formula

Byron Bergen was allocated \$1,060,464

Rules for use of Smart School Bond funds

Allowable Uses for Smart School Bond funds (six categories):

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

Rules for use of Smart School Bond funds (Cont.)

Non-allowable Uses for Smart School Bond funds:

- Salaries
- Payment for leases, rentals or purchases through BOCES (this would be double dipping on aid)

Smart School Bond Initiative

Total allocation amount = \$1,060,464

Phase 1 Plan, for an amount not to exceed \$708,514, was approved by the Board of Education

Consisted of Security and Safety features, such as, mass notification systems and video security cameras for Elementary building, Jr/Sr High School building and Natatorium

Approved by NYS Fall 2017

Completed

Smart School Bond Initiative

Remaining allocation amount = \$351,950

Phase 2 Plan Steps

1. Administration consulted with the District's architect to establish possible priorities in the approved six categories
 - a. Took into consideration
 - ✓ Strategic Plan
 - ✓ Technology Plan
 - ✓ Building Condition Survey

Smart School Bond Initiative

Remaining allocation amount = \$351,950

Phase 2 Plan Steps

2. Administration developed a proposal which would continue with implementing safety and security features throughout the school campus
3. Convened the Smart School Planning Committee to review the administration's proposal
 - a) Committee membership (as recommended by NYSED) included:
 - ✓ Student
 - ✓ Staff member
 - ✓ Administrator
 - ✓ Board of Education representative
 - ✓ Parent
 - ✓ Community

Smart School Bond Committee Responsibilities

Committee job is to review the Administration's proposals and formulate a recommendation to the Board of Education

- The Byron Bergen Smart Bond Committee met on January 5, 2022 and has endorsed the following Administrative proposal

Phase 2 – Smart School Bond Initiative

Phase 2 Proposed Project utilizing the remaining Smart Bond allocation amount of \$351,950

1. Emergency Classroom Communication (phone system)
2. Upgrade Video and Door Security (main entrances)
3. Network Upgrades (switches for connectivity)


Phase 2 – Smart School Bond Initiative

It is anticipated that the Phase 2 Proposed Project cost will exceed the remaining Smart Bond allocation amount of \$351,950. Other funding sources to be utilized are:

1. Federal Erate grant
2. New York Safe Schools grant

Next Steps

1. Recommendation to Board of Education for approval of the Smart School Bond Resolution
2. If approved by Board, Smart School Bond Plan is posted for 30 days for public comment
3. After 30 days, a public hearing is held to review public comments on the Plan
4. After public hearing, the Board of Education either grants final approval of the Plan or returns it to committee for modification
5. If the Plan is approved, Superintendent submits it to NYSED for review where NYSED review takes approximately 8 to 10 months
6. If Plan is returned to committee for modification, the process starts over again



During the 30 day public review of the plan, any
comments can be emailed to:

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