

OGDENSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK

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SUBJECT: Public Hearing Relative to Smart Schools Investment Plan for 2020-2021

DATE: July 1, 2020

REASON FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:

The SMART SCHOOLS BOND ACT OF 2014 was passed in the 2014-2015 Enacted Budget and approved by the voters in a statewide referendum held during the 2014 General Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. 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: Install high-speed broadband or wireless internet connectivity for schools and communities; Acquire learning technology equipment or facilities, including but not limited to interactive whiteboards, computer servers, and desktop, laptop, and tablet computers; Construct, enhance, and modernize educational facilities to accommodate prekindergarten programs and to provide instructional space to replace classroom trailers; and/or 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. The Ogdensburg City School District Board of Education must approve a Smart Schools Investment Plan 2017-2018 for the district to apply for Smart School Bond Act funding.

FACTS AND ANALYSIS:

The Smart Schools Bond Act requires that school districts develop and receive approval of a Smart Schools Investment Plan from the Smart Schools Review Board, which is comprised of the Chancellor of the State University of New York, the Director of the Budget and the Commissioner of the State Education Department. Districts will submit their Smart Schools Investment Plans, which will describe the intended expenditures and projects with Smart Schools Bond Act funds, through an application on the New York State Education Department's Business Portal. The New York State Education Department will review the Smart Schools Investment Plan for completeness and adherence to the guidance. If accepted, the application will be submitted for consideration by the Smart Schools Review Board.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

No action necessary, discussion only.

APPROVED FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD:



Superintendent

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