

Le Roy Central Schools



Smart Schools Initiative

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Smart Bond Initiative

Passed by New York Voters in November of 2014

Awarded \$2 Billion to all Schools based on enrollment and state aid formula

Rules for these use of these funds

6 categories

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

What you can't do...

- You cannot pay salaries
- You cannot pay for software
- You cannot pay for professional development
- You are expected to provide these, but you can't pay for them from the Bond.

Step 1

- With the district's architects to establish priorities in the approved categories.
- Consideration to
 - LeRoy Central Strategic Plan
 - Le Roy Central Technology Plan
 - Building Condition Survey

Step 2

Establish a Smart Bond Planning Committee to review these proposals.
Membership must include:

- Students
- Staff
- Administrators
- Board of Education
- Parents
- Community

All expenditures for Smart Schools must be recommended by this committee.

These proposals only represent the first application.

Any future recommendations must be presented to this committee until ALL of the funds are spent.

Our Goal with this project:

LeRoy Central Schools wishes to provide a strong network infrastructure to support 21st Century learning for all students.

Le Roy Priorities

To upgrade existing network infrastructure by:

- Replacing existing wireless access points with more current models.
 - Federal e-rate funding \$72,534
 - Smart Schools funding \$109,206
- This includes adding additional access points to underserved or areas without wireless service.

Le Roy Priorities

- Upgrading existing Copper and Fiber Optic networking to contemporary standards to support today's traffic demands.
 - Fiber Optic
 - \$25,000 Federal Funds
 - \$17,947 Smart Schools Funds
 - Copper
 - \$107,113 Smart School Funds

Next Steps

- If the SSIP Committee can endorse this proposal
- The Board of Education can accept the proposal as the preliminary plan at tonight's meeting.
- Smart Schools Investment Plan is then published on the school district web site with an email address for public comments for 30 days.

Next Steps (cont'd)

- At a public hearing attached to the Board of Ed Meeting February 14th, 2017, any comments on the Smart Schools Investment Plan are reviewed and the plan could be approved by the Board of Education.
- Approved plan submitted to NYSED.
- The Plan then churns through NYSED for about 120 to 150 days.

Good news...

LeRoy will have completed \$334,657 in network improvements with zero cost to the district taxpayers.

What happens to the rest of the money ? Nothing

- Le Roy has \$844,331 in SSIP funds that can be spent on additional Smart Schools Projects.

Questions?

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