

Smart School Investment Plan

The Summit Center
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The Smart Schools Bond Act of 2014 was enacted under the 2014-15 New York State Budget and authorized the issuance of \$2 billion of general obligation bonds.



Purpose:

To improve learning and opportunity for public and nonpublic school students by funding specific capital projects

Specific capital projects described as acceptable:

- Install high-speed broadband or wireless internet connectivity for schools & communities;
- Acquire learning technology equipment or facilities (e.g., whiteboards, computer servers, computers);
- Construct, enhance, and modernize educational facilities to accommodate pre-k programs and provide instructional space to replace classroom trailers;
- Install high-tech security features in school buildings (video surveillance, emergency notification systems, and physical access controls).



Allocation to The Summit Center:

\$63,048



Development of The Summit Center's Investment Plan:

1. Assembled a Planning Team with Leadership representatives from various department:

Administration

Compliance

Summit Academy

Information Technology


Student Services

Communications

Finance

2. The team met to review specifications of Smart Schools Bond Act and Summit Center Technology Plan.

3. Surveys and interviews were done to assess technology needs



Planning Team conducted an electronic survey of Summit Academy faculty members to identify and prioritize options

51 staff members participated

The survey focused on 3 specific questions

Summit Technology Survey for Staff

Focused on 3 questions:

1. How can Summit better use technology to help keep the students/people we serve safe?
2. How can Summit use technology to help the students/people we serve learn more effectively?
3. How can Summit use technology to help the students/people we serve be more independent?

Priority Area #1:

Increase access to interactive technology in educational settings or classrooms.

Priority Area #2:

Utilize new safety technology to make our school a safer learning environment

Interactive Technology

- Increase access to interactive technology through the addition of SmartBoard technology to 9 classrooms

Cost: \$53,532

- Replace 9 - SmartBoard projectors that are greater than 5 years old.

Cost: \$6,000

Safety Technology

- Install APEX window film to increase building security at the main entrances

Cost \$ 3,698

Total Budget: \$63,230

Grant Allocation: \$63,048

Institutional Funding: \$182



Summit's Smart School Investment Plan was reviewed by the following stakeholder groups:

- Board of Directors
- Leadership
- Parents
- Staff / faculty