

Otselic Valley Central School's Smart School's Initiative

May 4, 2020

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

Otselic Valley's Allocation was \$591,199

Otselic Valley Smart Bond Initiative Phase 1

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

- Administration works with the district's architects to establish priorities in the approved categories.
- Consideration to
 - Otselic Valley Central Strategic Plan
 - Otselic Valley Central Technology Plan
 - Building Condition Survey

Otselic Valley Central School's Goal

Otselic Valley Central Schools wishes to upgrade network infrastructure components and purchase Safety and Security resources.
\$591,199

Otselic Valley Network Project

- Otselic Valley is eligible to participate in the Federal Universal Service Fund.
- Otselic Valley can purchase roughly \$50,000 in networking infrastructure and only pay 30%. That \$15,000 can be provided by Smart Schools.

Otselic Valley Network Project

This project would include:

- additional wireless access point to insure saturation coverage in the building.
- Upgraded POE switching capacity to support additional devices

Otselic Valley Security Upgrade

Otselic would like to upgrade video security via additional camera coverage and additional door access security to provide a safe and secure learning environment for students.

Next Steps

1. The Board of Education can accept the proposal as the preliminary plan at the May 4 board meeting.
2. Smart Schools Investment Plan is then published on the school district web site with an email address for public comments for 30 days.

Committee Concerns:

Smart School Regulations recommend the Otselic Valley Technology Committee review the proposal before it is presented to the board.

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The committee suggested the district consider purchasing additional classroom devices. While this is allowed under Smart School regulations it is not encouraged.

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Some districts are using Smart School funds to purchase chromebooks and laptops.

The issue with this is the funding cliff when the funds are exhausted.

Otselic Valley can use BOCES funds as an alternative which don't expire.

What happens next ?

1. At a public hearing attached to the Board of Ed Meeting on June 23, any comments on the [Smart Schools Investment Plan](#) are reviewed and the plan could be approved by the Board of Education.
2. Approved plan submitted to NYSED.
3. The Plan then churns through NYSED and could be approved in 10 to 14 months.

QUESTIONS ??

Please Email any questions to

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