

Smart Schools Bond Amendment

The Smart Schools Bond Act was passed in the 2014-15 Enacted Budget and approved by the voters in a statewide referendum held during the 2014 General Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. The Smart Schools Bond Act (SSBA) authorized the issuance of \$2 billion of general obligation bonds to finance improved educational technology and infrastructure to improve learning and opportunity for students throughout the State. Warwick received a 1% allotment of these funds and have used this over the last 5 years to supplement its technology budget.

New York State defines a Smart Schools Amendment as allowing, "Districts to account for necessary changes to an original approved Smart Schools Investment Plan due to price increases and/or decreases, removal of approved expenditures and/or addition of new expenditures."

Warwick still had some money to expend due to the conditions described in the above definition. The District feels that due to the current pandemic that this is a good time to utilize the last of the funds so we can further shore up the technology in the district, at no additional cost to taxpayers since the money is from Smart Schools Bond Act of 2014.

The District plans on spending the last of the funds on the following:

- Desktop PC replacements for classrooms
- A New Wireless Controller
- Chromebooks for our students

These three expenditures add up to approximately \$332,179 and will be purchased in the winter of the 2020-21 school year after the State approves the amendment.