

LaFayette Central School District  
Preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan

As part of the Smart Schools Bond Act, the LaFayette Central School District was allocated a total of \$857,397. The goal of the Act is to improve educational technology and infrastructure to improve learning and opportunity for students throughout the State. Based on guidance from NYSED on how to spend these funds, each district must submit an Investment Plan which allocates funds into several predefined categories and uses. Additionally, expenditures should address clear needs that are reflected through the district’s technology plan survey.

In the 2014-2015 school year, the District reached out to community members, parents, teachers, and students through its budget and technology committee meetings regarding the District’s technology needs. We also used our website and social media for this purpose. The District continues to be interested in hearing from as many stakeholders as possible regarding the use of these funds, therefore, we are publishing this plan for your review.

Our plan is to spend approximately half of the allocation now then assess our needs over time regarding the remaining amount. This will allow us to plan for sustainability and build long-term capacity.

Two clear needs have been identified up to this point. They are in the categories of School Connectivity and Classroom Technology.

<b>Budget Category</b>	<b>Sub-Allocations</b>  *
School Connectivity	\$200,000.00
Connectivity Projects for Communities	
Classroom Technology	\$285,000.00
Pre-Kindergarten Classrooms	
Replace Transportable Classrooms	
High-Tech Security Features	

<b>Totals</b>	\$485,000.00
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Wireless internet access in all classrooms was identified by the technology committee as a top priority and critical in order to support one-to-one computing--one device per student. The funds allocated in the School Connectivity category would cover the cost of implementing a Wifi network throughout our school buildings. This would allow the use of wireless devices in every classroom at all three school buildings.

The focus of the Classroom Technology category is on the acquisition of learning technology equipment for students. The District Technology Committee has a goal of purchasing a device for each student to use for his/her educational learning needs. Our District currently has several types of mobile access devices in our district including Chromebooks, iPads, and laptops but not enough for every student. Once Wifi access is established in the buildings and we acquire the necessary number of devices, we will put one device into the hands of each student.

In an effort to support these goals, the District Planning Committee (Professional Development Planning Team) meets several times throughout the school year to assess teachers' learning needs. Technology training has been incorporated into staff development half-days and full days. We will continue to offer professional development opportunities for the support of one-to-one computing and implementation of new technology and instructional practices.