



**BERNE-KNOX-WESTERLO**  
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Smart Schools Investment Plan**  
**Public Hearing, December 16, 2024**

**Overview:**

- The Smart Schools Bond Act was approved by NYS voters in November of 2014
- This project is grant funded. There is no impact to our local tax payers.
- These funds can be utilized to update infrastructure, improve classroom technology, purchase equipment and software to support student learning, etc...
- The plan was developed with input from students, parents, university partners, teachers, administrators, and other stakeholders.
- Berne-Knox-Westerlo has been allocated \$883,468.00

**Plan Outline:**

- The purchase of student Chromebook devices to enhance differentiated instruction and student learning
- Update educator computers throughout the district to support differentiated instruction and the greater use of instructional technology.
- The purchase of 15 interactive smartboards to outfit and/or update learning spaces throughout the district
- The purchase of supplies and cameras to update and enhance security within the district
- The use of desktop computers to enhance the theatre and ESports learning opportunities.
- The purchase of tablet computers to serve individual student needs

**Additional Plan Information:**

- Learning technology purchases made by the district shall be lent, upon request, to nonpublic schools within the district. However, no district shall be required to loan technology in amounts greater than the total obtained and spent pursuant to the smart schools Bond Act and the value of the loan may not exceed the total of \$250 multiplied by the nonpublic school enrollment in the base year at the time of enactment.
- This plan is in line with our district's long-term technology sustainability plan to replace and maintain technology within the district. Similarly, the district has created a plan to maintain and replace those items purchased with these funds.

- The district is committed to providing ongoing professional development to teachers, administrators, staff and students to successfully utilize technology to enhance the learning experience for all students.

**Plan Budget:**

- Student devices (Chromebooks) \$292,000
- Educator devices \$118,300
- Interactive smartboard \$57,930.00
- Smartboard mounts \$7,440.00
- Mobile smartboard stands \$1,125.00
- Desktop presentation computers \$8,000.00
- Desktop computers (Esports) \$76,379.84
- Charging cabinets \$10,575.00
- Tablet computers \$24,650.00
- Computer software \$25,600.00
- Asset tagging \$4,400.00
- Computer service \$7,200.00
- Upgraded security system \$132,054.00

**Total: \$774,154.00**

**Process:**

- Stakeholder input (Spring-Summer, 2024)
- Development and editing of preliminary plan
- Presentation and public hearing-Dec. 16, 2024
- Website post for community review (30 days)
- Technology committee and school administration reviews hearing and comments
- Board of Education approval: January 20, 2025
- Submission of SSIP-January 21, 2025

**Smart Schools Investment Plan Comments:**

- Comments concerning the SSIP can be emailed to [anne.farnam @bkwschools.org](mailto:anne.farnam@bkwschools.org)