



Smart Schools Investment Plan

The Boquet Valley CSD Smart Schools Investment Plan is a combination of the two plans between Westport Central School and Elizabethtown-Lewis Central School Districts. Whole both of these plans were submitted with the intent of continuing as individual districts, much of what was needed in 2014 is still needed in 2020 and is still applicable to our merged district. Some small changes are anticipated (e.g. chromebooks, chromebases, or chromeboxes instead of laptops, Promethean board instead of SmartBoards, etc.)

Westport Central School

Plan Overview:

In January 2014, Governor Andrew Cuomo called for New York State to invest \$2 billion in schools through a Smart Schools Bond Act (SSBA). Voters approved the Smart School Bond Act in November 2014. Westport Central School (WCS) was allocated to receive \$195,196. This SSBA is designed and may be used for:

- School Connectivity: wireless/wired infrastructure
- Community Connectivity: broadband to community
- Pre-K Classrooms
- Classroom Technology
- Replace Mobile Classrooms
- High Tech Security Features

WCS has collaborated with and surveyed parents, teachers, students and members of our community to determine a District technology plan. The following plan for investing in Instructional Technology is in alignment with the goals described in our NYSED (New York State Education Department) approved Technology Plan Survey.

Justification of Need:

Our technology plan identified gaps in infrastructures and existing hardware that is aged beyond its useful life. In order to accommodate the rapid growth of instructional technology needs in the classroom, an investment plan has been developed that improves and expands the District's infrastructure, adds current computer access at the point of instruction and improves access for all students and teachers.

Purchase Plan:

The Westport Central School has identified three (3) main areas for investment:

1. Wireless Internet/Network Connectivity: The District currently has very limited wireless coverage. The servers and controls are capable of handling the proposed increased wifi capacity. The plan is to expand the wifi access to all areas of the building.
 - i. Budget: \$57,736



2. Learning Technology: Replacement – Upgrade – Expansion The District plans on purchasing different types of devices. Laptops and mobile carts will be purchased to provide students ready access throughout the building. Desktop computers will be replaced in classrooms. Teachers will be provided laptops to use for instruction and enhance their use of technology as a tool to improve instruction. Some SmartBoards will also be replaced.
 - i. Budget: \$70,828
3. Infrastructure Improvements: With increased access and use, an upgrade to our servers will be requested. Funds are allocated for the purpose of expanding or replacing our systems servers.
 - i. Budget: \$66,632

Plan Goals:

- Provide access to the internet throughout the building.
- Afford students and instructional staff access to adequate and functioning hardware at the point of instruction.
- Provide adequate infrastructure to allow for increased access and use by students.

By embedding technology into the delivery of instruction, the District can continue to provide equitable access to technology tools to prepare all learners to be college and career ready.

Professional Development:

The District recognizes the importance of sustained professional development for staff and students. As such, the District is seeking opportunities for training through Model Schools and will fund such through the regular budget and grant funds.

Sustainability:

The District intends to develop replacement cycles into the existing budget development process and allocate funds each year to support the continuation of technology upgrades and enhancements.

Timeline:

This document is being posted to the District's website as required by SSBA and NYSED in order to invite public input prior to adoption of this plan by the WCS Board of Education. April 14, 2016 – Preliminary plan presented to Board of Education for public review

- April 15 – May – Plan posted for public comment
- May 19, 2016 – Public Hearing regarding spending plan at 5:30 PM in the Library
- May 19, 2016 – Board adoption of plan
- May 20, 2016 – Plan submitted to NYSED for review and approval
- July 11, 2017 – Further details submitted to NYSED for review and approval
- November 2017 – Revised edition investment plan submitted to NYSED for review and approval



Implementation:

is to begin as soon as feasible after approval. The full implementation may take up to two years.

Elizabethtown Lewis Central School

Plan Overview:

In January 2014, Governor Andrew Cuomo called for New York State to invest \$2 billion in schools through a Smart Schools Bond Act (SSBA). Voters approved the Smart School Bond Act ...

Justification of Need:

Our technology plan identified ...

Purchase Plan:

The Elizabethtown-Lewis Central School has identified three (3) main areas for investment...:

Plan Goals:

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Professional Development:

The District recognizes the importance of ...

Sustainability:

The District intends to ...

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