

2023 TCFD Smart Schools Bond Act Final Investment Plan

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The SMART SCHOOLS BOND ACT OF 2014 (SSBA) 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. An additional \$5 million of Smart Schools Bond Act funding was appropriated to improve learning and opportunity for students with disabilities enrolled in Chapter 853 schools, Special Act School Districts and 4201 schools by funding capital projects to improve access to the Internet, purchase devices and for investment in certain classroom spaces. Information from the State on the addition of Smart Schools Funding for Special Act School Districts can be found on the New York State Education Website, or by clicking [this link](#).

The Center for Discovery Smart Schools Bond Act Allocation: \$67,884

Allowable Project Categories:

1. Install high-speed broadband or wireless internet connectivity for schools;
2. Acquire learning technology equipment or facilities, including but not limited to interactive whiteboards, computer servers, and desktop, laptop, and tablet computers;
3. Construct, enhance, and modernize educational facilities to accommodate prekindergarten programs and to provide instructional space to replace classroom trailers; and/or
4. Install high-tech security features in school buildings and on school campuses, including but not limited to video surveillance, emergency notification systems, and physical access controls

The Center for Discovery has proposed two projects that fall into Categories 2 and 4 above:

- \$40,716.10 will be allocated to purchase and install a high-tech security system for our school campuses including an IP speaker system capable of broadcasting in both indoor and outdoor areas, along with physical access control equipment.
- 27,167.90 will be utilized to update learning technology including approximately 50 iPads, protective cases and screens for student use.

Please feel free to contact us at StrategicOuteach@TCFD.org with any questions or feedback.