

West Seneca Central School District

Smart Schools Investment Plan

Application #2
Public Hearing

April 8, 2025



Nurturing Our Full Potential

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- The Smart Schools Bond Act of 2014 [SSBA] was approved by the voters in a Statewide referendum on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. The Act authorized the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance educational technology and infrastructure.
- Funding from SSBA must be directed as follows:
 - School Connectivity
 - Community Connectivity
 - Classroom Learning Technology
 - Pre-Kindergarten Classrooms
 - Replacement of transportable classrooms
 - High-Tech Security
- West Seneca CSD's original funding allocation was \$4,195,952.



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- In May, 2018, the Board of Education of the District approved SSIP #1 addressing the following needs:
 - Infrastructure Upgrade replacing outdated copper and fiber cable,
 - Network Upgrade improving the District wireless infrastructure to accommodate additional student and staff devices as well as updated security features,
 - Communication Upgrade addressing the replacement antiquated phone systems with digital devices, and emergency notification capability.
- The final cost of the program was \$3,593,301.



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- The District has undertaken an expansive upgrade in security systems using other funding mechanisms as follows:
 - 2024-2025, funded largely by a \$500,000 grant from the Dormitory System of the State of New York [DASNY], the District upgraded camera and relate hardware systems at both WS West and WS East High Schools,
 - 2025, funded by \$1,250,000 of the \$23 million 2023 Capital Improvement Project, the District will conduct a similar upgrade at all four elementary buildings during the summer and fall. This project awaits final State Education Department approval and we anticipate contract award in the Spring 2025, and installation through the 2026 school year.



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- Smart Schools Investment Plan #2 is proposed to utilize the remaining funds, \$602,651, to install High-Tech Security cameras and related software at West Seneca West Middle and East Middle Schools. The system design will parallel and coordinate with the high and elementary school installations.
 - Young & Wright will provide architectural and engineering designs required for approval by the State Education Department.
 - Stark has designed the camera specifications and points of installation which will be reviewed by the administrative, building and School Resource Officer staffs of the respective buildings.
- The District anticipates State Education Department approval in early 2026, with installation completed Summer 2026.



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- The District will receive Public Comment on the Plan via email to wthiel@wscschools.org, or in writing to:
WThiel
West Seneca Central Schools
900 Mill Road
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- Questions or Comments from the Board of Education
- Questions or Comments from the Public
- It is anticipated a final plan will be presented to the Board on May 6, 2025 for approval.

