



SmartBond

Public Discussion: September 8, 2015

RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

* New York Bonds for School Technology Act, Proposal 3 was voted on and approved on November 4, 2014 authorizing the state comptroller to issue and sell bonds up to the amount of \$2 billion. The revenue received from the sale of such bonds are, according to the proposal, used for projects related to the following:

- * Purchasing educational technology equipment and facilities, such as interactive whiteboards, computer servers, desktop and laptop computers, tablets and high-speed broadband or wireless internet.
- * Constructing and modernizing facilities to accommodate pre-kindergarten programs and replacing classroom trailers with permanent instructional space.
- * **Installing high-tech security features in school buildings.**

* NYS Smart Schools Bond Act 2014

- * Devices, Infrastructure & Wireless
 - * Improvements could not wait for approved plan
 - * Currently undergoing technology infrastructure improvements
 - * Grade level appropriate device has not been identified
 - * Transition period
 - * PARC testing consideration
 - * Huge investment needed, funding not adequate
- * Construction and Modernizing
 - * Funding is not adequate for meaningful improvements
- * Security
 - * Opportunity to expand security monitoring specific to elementary level
 - * Continuation of implementation per StoneGate recommendations

* Why Security

* Requirements:

- * Instructional Technology Survey
- * Investment plan

* Restrictions:

- * Expense reimbursement program
- * Plan approval required, no retroactive expenses

* Deadline: October 16, 2015

* **Application:**
Requirements, Restrictions & Deadlines

- * Finalize plan
 - * Confirm with district consultants: architect & security system provider
 - * Post plan on district website for public viewing by 9/16/2015
 - * Complete and submit application by 10/16/2015
- * Wait for approval
 - * There is no indication as to how long the plan approval process may take
 - * Projects cannot commence until approval is granted if expenses are to be reimbursed

* **Next Steps**