

Irvington UFSD Preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan

As part of the Smart Schools Bond Act, the Irvington UFSD was allocated a total of \$277,051. The goal of the Act is to improve educational technology and infrastructure to improve learning and opportunity for students throughout the State. Based on guidance from NYSED on how to spend these funds, each district must submit an Investment Plan which allocates funds into several predefined categories and uses. Additionally, expenditures should address clear needs that are reflected through the district’s technology plan.

On June 18th, 2015, the district’s ETDT (Educational Technology Development Team) met with students, parents, and community members to discuss options for allocating our Smart Schools Bond Act award from New York State. There were two clear needs that were identified to be addressed through the use of these funds. These were in the categories of School Connectivity and Classroom Technology.

Budget Category	Sub Allocation
School Connectivity	\$179,845
Connectivity Projects for Communities	\$0
Classroom Technology	\$97,206
Pre-Kindergarten Classrooms	\$0
Replacement of Classroom Trailers	\$0
High-Tech Security Features	\$0
Unallocated Funds	\$0
Total	\$277,051

The funds allocated in the School Connectivity category would cover the cost of implementing a Wifi network at both Dows Lane Elementary School and the Main Street School. This would allow the use of wireless devices in every classroom at both buildings. The addition of Wifi at both elementary buildings was identified as a top priority and critical need by the ETDT.

The focus of the Classroom Technology category is on the acquisition of learning technology equipment or facilities, including but not limited to interactive whiteboards, computer servers, and desktop, laptop, and tablet computers. Currently, we have several types of mobile access devices in our district including Chromebooks, iPads, and laptops. Once Wifi access is put into place at our elementary buildings, we will have the opportunity to collect information on what types of mobile devices work best for our teachers and students. Based on those findings, we will be able to use Smart Schools funds to acquire additional devices for our students to use.

For any questions about our Smart Schools Investment Plan, please contact the Director of Technology.

References

- Irvington Union Free School District Technology Plan
- [New York State Smart Schools Bond Homepage](#)
- [Smart Schools Investment Plan Overview](#)
- [New York State Smart Schools District Allocations](#)