



Smart Schools Bond Act Supplemental Investment Plan

to

“Construct, Enhance and Modernize Facilities
for Pre-K Programs & Replace Classroom Trailers”

at

Eugenio Maria de Hostos MicroSociety School

and

Kahlil Gibran School

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I. Introduction:

On November 4, 2014, New York State voters approved a statewide referendum, the Smart Schools Bond Act (SSBA), as part of the General Election. This approval authorized the issuance of \$2 billion of general obligation bonds intended to finance the improvement of educational technology and infrastructure throughout the State. As a result of the SSBA, the Yonkers Public Schools was allocated a total of \$23,965,851 to be used in support of the following eligible categories:

- **Educational Technology Equipment** – including but not limited to – interactive whiteboards, desktops, laptops, tablets, servers
- **High Speed Broadband**
- **Wireless Internet Connectivity** – for schools and communities.
- **Construct, Enhance or Modernize Educational Facilities** – to accommodate Pre-K programs
- **Provide Instructional Space** – to replace transportable classroom units
- **High-tech Security Features** – in school buildings and campuses

The District has assembled a Smart Schools Bond Act Committee, which includes representatives from all stakeholder groups, as outlined in the SSBA Guidance. The committee has been charged with the development and implementation of the Smart Schools Investment Plan (SSIP).

As is required by the statute, the Yonkers Public Schools has completed and submitted the District's 2015-2018 Instructional Technology Plan and Survey which was approved by the New York State Education Department on October 16, 2015. All anticipated technology related expenditures are in alignment with the goals and expectations of the District's Technology Plan.

II. Smart Schools Bond Act Committee

- **Reverend Steve Lopez – Yonkers Board of Education, President**
- **Dr. Nader Sayegh – Yonkers Board of Education, Trustee**
- **Mr. James Cavanaugh – Yonkers Board of Education, Trustee**

- **Dr. Edwin Quezada – Superintendent of Schools**
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- **Ms. Lisa Perry – Director of Instructional Technology**
- **Ms. Gina Bell – Director of Library Services**
- **Mr. Christopher Carvalho – Director of Technology**
- **Mr. Brian Schulder – Director of Safety and Security**
- **Mr. Ian Sherman – Principal Lincoln High School**
- **Mr. Nasser Ibrahim – Teacher Palisade Preparatory School**
- **Mr. Michael Garbowski – Teacher School 30, Yonkers Federation of Teachers Representative**

- **Mr. Rob Rijos – Yonkers Council of PTA/PTSAs**

- **Mr. Bob Cacace – City of Yonkers Commissioner of IT**
- **Ms. Cheryl Green – City of Yonkers Deputy Commissioner of IT**

III. Smart Schools Investment Plan Goals

Eugenio Maria de Hostos MicroSociety School:

Construction of new PreK Classrooms – requesting \$800,000.00 in SSBA funds

This will require the reconfiguration of the basement, two classrooms, the Library and the computer lab for a net gain of four additional classrooms, three of which will be new PreK classrooms. As a result of this work, the school will have a new Library, three new PreK classrooms, one new classroom, a new computer lab and music and art rooms.

The preliminary cost estimate of this project is \$3 million. Approximately \$800,000.00 of this will be eligible for SSBA reimbursement for the construction costs associated with the 3 new PreK classrooms. The remaining costs will be eligible for conventional SED building aid at 70% rate of reimbursement.

Kahlil Gibran School 28:

Construct new PreK Classrooms and Replace Transportable Classrooms – requesting \$6.7 million in SSBA funds.

The Kahlil Gibran School will be expanded by constructing a new two story addition that will ultimately provide an additional 12 classrooms three of which will be new PreK classrooms. The addition will replace two modular rooms as well as one room in the existing building; the net gain will be nine classrooms. The SSBA application will seek to cover the cost of the three new PreK rooms and the cost to demolish and replace the modular classrooms.

The estimated cost of this project is currently \$16 million. The portion eligible for SSBA reimbursement is approximately \$6.7 million. The remaining \$9.3 million, would be eligible for conventional SED building aid .

IV. Purchase Plan and Allocation of Funds

Smart Schools Bond Act / Subcategory Allocation – Construct, enhance, modernize Prekindergarten facilities and/or transportable classroom replacement:

SSBA CATEGORY	ALLOCATION
High Speed Broadband	\$0.00
Learning Technology Equipment or Facilities	\$0.00
Construct, enhance, modernize Prekindergarten facilities and/or trailer replacement	\$7,500,000.00
High Tech Security	\$0.00
Total	\$7,500,000

Projected Expenditure Areas

Project	Total
PreK Classrooms (Hostos)	\$800,000
PreK Classrooms (Gibran)	\$4,450,000
Replace/Modernize Transportable Classrooms (Gibran)	\$2,250,000
Total	\$7,500,000

V. Timeline - The anticipated time required to complete the process of design bid and build a large capital improvement project is 24 to 36 months form the date of authorization to proceed. It is hoped that construction can be scheduled for 2018-19 for both projects.

VI. Appendix

For additional information on the Smart Schools Bond Act, please visit the website below:

Smart Schools Bond Act Website:

http://www.p12.nysed.gov/mgtserv/smart_schools/home.html

This website contains all of the information related to the SSBA including SSBA Guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

The Yonkers Public Schools' plan will be posted on the District's website (www.yonkerspublicschools.org) to give all District stakeholders the opportunity to review the plan and provide written feedback, comments or concerns via the email address below. Additionally, the District will host a public forum where stakeholders will have another opportunity to ask questions or provide additional feedback or comments. Please direct any written comments, email preferred, to:

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