# Worcester Central Schools Smart Schools Initiative

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## **Smart Bond Initiative**

Passed by New York Voters in November of 2014 Awarded \$2 Billion to all Schools based on enrollment and state aid formula

Worcester Central's Award is \$485,047

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#### Rules for these use of these funds

#### 6 categories

- Classroom Connectivity
- Classroom Technology
- Community Connection
- Pre-K Classroom Improvements
- Elimination of Temporary/Trailer Classrooms
- School Security and Safety

#### What you can't do.....

- You cannot pay salaries
- You cannot pay for software
- •You cannot pay for professional development
- •You are expected to provide these, but you can't pay for them from the Bond.

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Through the use of Federal Erate funding the district has reduced the total dollars required.

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# Worcester Central School's Phase 2 Goal

Upgrade Safety and Security through the purchase of additional video cameras and video server.

\$6000

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Upgrade Safety and Security by upgrading door security via additional door swipes and electrical door control hardware.

\$40,000

#### Worcester Central School's Smart School Goal

Purchase of additional Classroom Devices \$130,000 What happens to the rest of the money?

Any remaining Smart Schools Funds will continue to be available. The Smart Planning Committee must recommend their expenditure, but they are "evergreen."

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#### Next Steps

- 1. The Board of Education can accept the proposals as the preliminary plan.
- Smart Schools Investment Plan is then published on the school district web site with an email address for public comments for 30 days.

#### **Final Steps**

- 3. At a public hearing attached to a Board of Education Meeting, the Board of Education can review any comments on the Smart Schools Investment Plan and the plan can be approved.
- 4. Approved plan submitted to NYSED.
- 5. The Plan then churns through NYSED for about 15 to 18 months.

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