

# Smart Schools Bond Act

Submission Proposal March 2025



# NYS Smart Schools Bond Act Initiative

- Passed by New York Voters in November of 2014
- Awarded \$2 Billion to all schools based on enrollment and state aid formula.
- Akron's total allocation was **\$1,255,318**



# **Smart Schools Bond Act funds can be used for:**

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



# **Smart Schools Bond Act funds can NOT be used for...**

- Salaries
- Software
- Professional Development

Districts are expected to provide these as needed, but they cannot be funded from the Bond.



# Akron Smart School Plan

- The Smart School Planning Committee presented and the Board of Education adopted a \$144,018 Smart School Investment Plan submission in 2016 with expenditures for Classroom Connectivity (wireless infrastructure.)
- Supplemental submissions were made in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2024 totaling \$830,194.20 in expenditures for Classroom Technology (Chromebooks.)
- Funds remaining from SSBA Allocation: \$197,164.10. Details on previous submission and expenditures can be found on our website at: <https://www.akronschools.org/Page/5396>



# Proposed Submission

- Includes the the purchase of Chromebooks, Chrome Education Licenses, chargers, and protective cases. Estimated cost per student is ~\$340.
- The approved Technology Plan accounts for a regular replacement cycle of chromebook devices throughout the district.
- Students in grades 1, 5, 9 will receive new devices. Proposed expenditure= \$93,800.



# Next Steps

1. Members of the public and school community may submit comments and input related to this proposed plan. 30 days will be allowed for the submission of comments.
2. A Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, April 1st** providing additional opportunity for public comment.
3. Revisions will be made as necessary based on comments received to create a final plan.
4. A final plan may be adopted by the BOE and then submitted to NYSED for approval.



# Questions?

Comments and/or questions about the proposed expenditure plan  
may be submitted via email to:

**SmartSchoolsComments@akron12.org**

or sent via US Mail to:

**Akron Central School District**

**47 Bloomingdale Avenue**

**Akron, NY 14001**

**Attn: Nicholas Hill – Smart Schools Comments**

