

## **2016-17 Astor Learning Center (Residential) Smart Schools Bond Act Preliminary Investment Plan**

The **SMART SCHOOLS BOND ACT OF 2014** (SSBA) was passed in the 2014-15 Enacted Budget and approved by the voters in a statewide referendum held during the 2014 General Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. An additional \$5 million of Smart Schools Bond Act funding was appropriated to improve learning and opportunity for students with disabilities enrolled in Chapter 853 schools, Special Act School Districts and 4201 schools by funding capital projects to improve access to the Internet, purchase devices and for investment in certain classroom spaces. Information from the State on the addition of Smart Schools Funding for Special Act School Districts can be found on the New York State Education Website, or by clicking the link below:

[http://www.p12.nysed.gov/mgtserv/documents/SSBAGuidancefordayandresidentialschools\\_final.pdf](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/mgtserv/documents/SSBAGuidancefordayandresidentialschools_final.pdf)

**Astor School Age Day Treatment Smart Schools Bond Act Allocation: \$17,889**

### **Allowable Project Categories:**

1. Install high-speed broadband or wireless internet connectivity for schools;
2. Acquire learning technology equipment or facilities, including but not limited to interactive whiteboards, computer servers, and desktop, laptop, and tablet computers;
3. Construct, enhance, and modernize educational facilities to accommodate prekindergarten programs and to provide instructional space to replace classroom trailers; and/or
4. Install high-tech security features in school buildings and on school campuses, including but not limited to video surveillance, emergency notification systems, and physical access controls

**The Astor School Age Day Treatment has proposed two projects that fall into Categories 2 and 4 above:**

- 2 mobile wireless carts and laptops for student and teacher instructional use
- Wireless radio system for improving safety and security

The Smart Schools Bond Act funds will serve to provide teaching and learning technology that supports 21<sup>st</sup> century standards and an upgrade to our current inter-building communication system.

This initial proposal shall be authorized by the Astor Services for Children & Families Board of Directors, and the Preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan submitted to the New York State Education Department for initial review and approval.

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