History of New York Smart Schools Bond Act

- 2014 – Governor Cuomo called for $2 Billion technology investment in schools
- November 2014 – Public approval of the Smart Schools Bond Act
- 2015 – Development of Smart Schools Bond Act guidelines
- April 2016 – Smart Schools Review Board was assembled
- June 2016 – First group of Smart School Investment Plans were approved
Orchard Park Central Schools approved for $2.2 Million
Allowable Project Categories

Approved categories of expenditures include:

- School Connectivity
- Classroom Technology
- Pre-Kindergarten Classrooms
- High-Tech Security Features
Smart School Investment Plan (SSIP) Timeline

- Receive Technology Survey approval from NYSED - Oct 2015
- Develop a Draft SSIP - July 2016
- Present Draft SSIP to the Board of Education for discussion and approval - July 2015
- Advertise that a public hearing will occur on the Draft SSIP
- Post the Draft SSIP on the District website and provide opportunity for Community comment via the website and written correspondence
- Hold the public hearing on the Draft SSIP
- Finalize the SSIP
- Board of Education approves the finalized SSIP
- Submit the SSIP to the Smart Schools Review Board
Quotations are commonly printed as a means of inspiration and to invoke philosophical thoughts from the reader.
OPCSD Round 1 Proposal

- Classroom Technology – mobile devices for grades 9 through 12
Mobile Devices for High School

The 1 to 1 Chromebook pilot in grades 5, 6 and 7 was monitored and evaluated throughout the 2015-16 school year:

◇ Students and faculty members in the pilot were surveyed
◇ Input was received from:
  ▪ HS Technology Committee
  ▪ HS Google Steering Committee
  ▪ MS Technology Committee
  ▪ DLC
  ▪ PDC
  ▪ ADCAB
◇ Faculty and Staff participated in over 4000 hours of professional development focusing on integrating technology and GAFE
District Technology Committee made a recommendation at the June meeting to expand the 1 to 1 initiative to grades 9 through 12.

- High School “Google Rollout Committee” met monthly from Jan 2016 through June 2016 to review faculty concerns and to discuss questions & issues that surfaced in pilot classrooms at the middle school.
- Recommendation was made to roll out devices to all students in the high school in January 2016.
- Chromebook policy handbook is being finalized.
- Insurance options are being reviewed.
- eRate project for wireless system “rip and replace” is in the works.
  - Includes a wireless access point in every instructional area across the district.
SSIP Round 1: Classroom Technology
Draft Spending Plan

- Purchase 1600 Chromebooks, Chrome Licenses and Protective Covers - Estimated Cost $750,000