



ONC BOCES Smart School Investment Bond Purchasing CoSer

The ONC BOCES Technology Services department is pleased to announce that they have been approved by the NYSED to offer a value added service in the 523 Instructional Technology CoSer. This new service will assist with the coordination and acquisition of technology outlined in their Smart Schools Investment Plans (SSIP). ONC BOCES will work with component districts to advise, purchase and submit the paperwork required for reimbursement. Purchase orders will be generated by ONC BOCES to purchase the equipment.

Component district will not be required to pay their bills in full until they have received their full Smart Schools Bond Act (SSBA) reimbursement from the state.

ONC BOCES will work with vendors to establish the most advantageous pricing available to our districts. In order to adequately plan for this service, we are asking all ONC BOCES component districts to complete a survey. This survey can be found at www.oncboces.org/ssipsurvey



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can school districts and BOCES work together or as a consortium to make purchases using the smart school bond money?

A: We encourage BOCES to coordinate purchases to help districts take advantage of volume discounts. BOCES services costs are not eligible for reimbursement under Smart Schools.

Q: Can Smart Schools bond monies be used to pay for equipment procured through a local BOCES or Regional Information Center?

A: Smart Schools funds can be used by a district to pay for devices procured by a BOCES through a share purchasing agreement. However, the district must take full ownership of the eligible devices. Administrative, lease or interest costs are not allowed to be supported with SSBA funds.

Q: Can districts avail themselves of BOCES/Regional Information Center Installment Purchasing Programs that are already installed?

A: Districts need to take full ownership of items to be eligible for Smart Schools reimbursement. Lease programs are not eligible.

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