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SSIP Overview

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Institution ID

80000034921

1. Please enter the name of the person to contact regarding this submission.

Gerald Crisci

- 1a. Please enter their phone number for follow up questions.

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- 1b. Please enter their e-mail address for follow up contact.

gcrisci@scarsdaleschools.org

2. Please indicate below whether this is the first submission, a new or supplemental submission or an amended submission of an approved Smart Schools Investment Plan.

First submission

3. All New York State public school districts are required to complete and submit a District Instructional Technology Plan survey to the New York State Education Department in compliance with Section 753 of the Education Law and per Part 100.12 of the Commissioner's Regulations. Districts that include investments in high-speed broadband or wireless connectivity and/or learning technology equipment or facilities as part of their Smart Schools Investment Plan must have a submitted and approved Instructional Technology Plan survey on file with the New York State Education Department.

By checking this box, you certify that the school district has an approved District Instructional Technology Plan survey on file with the New York State Education Department.

District Educational Technology Plan Submitted to SED and Approved

4. Pursuant to the requirements of the Smart Schools Bond Act, the planning process must include consultation with parents, teachers, students, community members, other stakeholders and any nonpublic schools located in the district.

By checking the boxes below, you are certifying that you have engaged with those required stakeholders. Each box must be checked prior to submitting your Smart Schools Investment Plan.

Parents

Teachers

Students

Community members

- 4a. If your district contains non-public schools, have you provided a timely opportunity for consultation with these stakeholders?

Yes

No

N/A

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5. **Certify that the following required steps have taken place by checking the boxes below: Each box must be checked prior to submitting your Smart Schools Investment Plan.**

- The district developed and the school board approved a preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan.
- The preliminary plan was posted on the district website for at least 30 days. The district included an address to which any written comments on the plan should be sent.
- The school board conducted a hearing that enabled stakeholders to respond to the preliminary plan. This hearing may have occurred as part of a normal Board meeting, but adequate notice of the event must have been provided through local media and the district website for at least two weeks prior to the meeting.
- The district prepared a final plan for school board approval and such plan has been approved by the school board.
- The final proposed plan that has been submitted has been posted on the district's website.

5a. **Please upload the proposed Smart Schools Investment Plan (SSIP) that was posted on the district's website, along with any supporting materials. Note that this should be different than your recently submitted Educational Technology Survey. The Final SSIP, as approved by the School Board, should also be posted on the website and remain there during the course of the projects contained therein.**

Preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan.pdf

5b. **Enter the webpage address where the final Smart Schools Investment Plan is posted. The Plan should remain posted for the life of the included projects.**

<https://www.scarsdaleschools.k12.ny.us/Page/25868>

6. **Please enter an estimate of the total number of students and staff that will benefit from this Smart Schools Investment Plan based on the cumulative projects submitted to date.**

2,500

7. **An LEA/School District may partner with one or more other LEA/School Districts to form a consortium to pool Smart Schools Bond Act funds for a project that meets all other Smart School Bond Act requirements. Each school district participating in the consortium will need to file an approved Smart Schools Investment Plan for the project and submit a signed Memorandum of Understanding that sets forth the details of the consortium including the roles of each respective district.**

- The district plans to participate in a consortium to partner with other school district(s) to implement a Smart Schools project.

8. **Please enter the name and 6-digit SED Code for each LEA/School District participating in the Consortium.**

Partner LEA/District	SED BEDS Code
(No Response)	(No Response)

9. **Please upload a signed Memorandum of Understanding with all of the participating Consortium partners.**

(No Response)

10. **Your district's Smart Schools Bond Act Allocation is:**

\$444,960

11. **Enter the budget sub-allocations by category that you are submitting for approval at this time. If you are not budgeting SSBA funds for a category, please enter 0 (zero.) If the value entered is \$0, you will not be required to complete that survey question.**

	Sub-Allocations
School Connectivity	0
Connectivity Projects for Communities	

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	Sub-Allocations
	0
Classroom Technology	244,402
Pre-Kindergarten Classrooms	0
Replace Transportable Classrooms	0
High-Tech Security Features	0
Totals:	244,402

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1. In order for students and faculty to receive the maximum benefit from the technology made available under the Smart Schools Bond Act, their school buildings must possess sufficient connectivity infrastructure to ensure that devices can be used during the school day. Smart Schools Investment Plans must demonstrate that:
 - sufficient infrastructure that meets the Federal Communications Commission’s 100 Mbps per 1,000 students standard currently exists in the buildings where new devices will be deployed, or
 - is a planned use of a portion of Smart Schools Bond Act funds, or
 - is under development through another funding source.

Smart Schools Bond Act funds used for technology infrastructure or classroom technology investments must increase the number of school buildings that meet or exceed the minimum speed standard of 100 Mbps per 1,000 students and staff within 12 months. This standard may be met on either a contracted 24/7 firm service or a "burstable" capability. If the standard is met under the burstable criteria, it must be:

 1. Specifically codified in a service contract with a provider, and
 2. Guaranteed to be available to all students and devices as needed, particularly during periods of high demand, such as computer-based testing (CBT) periods.

Please describe how your district already meets or is planning to meet this standard within 12 months of plan submission.

The District infrastructure features a state-of-the art high speed wireless network with access points that support the 802.11ac standard. Buildings are connected by a 10 GB Wide Area Network that supports a 1 GB connection to the Internet. The District has a four-year hardware cycle, so device compatibility will not be an issue.

- 1a. If a district believes that it will be impossible to meet this standard within 12 months, it may apply for a waiver of this requirement, as described on the Smart Schools website. The waiver must be filed and approved by SED prior to submitting this survey.

By checking this box, you are certifying that the school district has an approved waiver of this requirement on file with the New York State Education Department.

2. Connectivity Speed Calculator (Required)

	Number of Students	Multiply by 100 Kbps	Divide by 1000 to Convert to Required Speed in Mb	Current Speed in Mb	Expected Speed to be Attained Within 12 Months	Expected Date When Required Speed Will be Met
Calculated Speed	(No Response)	(No Response)	(No Response)	(No Response)	(No Response)	(No Response)

3. Describe how you intend to use Smart Schools Bond Act funds for high-speed broadband and/or wireless connectivity projects in school buildings.

(No Response)

4. Describe the linkage between the district's District Instructional Technology Plan and the proposed projects. (There should be a link between your response to this question and your response to Question 1 in Part E. Curriculum and Instruction "What are the district's plans to use digital connectivity and technology to improve teaching and learning?")

(No Response)

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- 5. If the district wishes to have students and staff access the Internet from wireless devices within the school building, or in close proximity to it, it must first ensure that it has a robust Wi-Fi network in place that has sufficient bandwidth to meet user demand.

Please describe how you have quantified this demand and how you plan to meet this demand.

(No Response)

- 6. As indicated on Page 5 of the guidance, the Office of Facilities Planning will have to conduct a preliminary review of all capital projects, including connectivity projects.

Please indicate on a separate row each project number given to you by the Office of Facilities Planning.

Project Number
(No Response)

- 7. Certain high-tech security and connectivity infrastructure projects may be eligible for an expedited review process as determined by the Office of Facilities Planning.

Was your project deemed eligible for streamlined review?

(No Response)

- 8. Include the name and license number of the architect or engineer of record.

Name	License Number
(No Response)	(No Response)

- 9. If you are submitting an allocation for School Connectivity complete this table.

Note that the calculated Total at the bottom of the table must equal the Total allocation for this category that you entered in the SSIP Overview overall budget.

	Sub-Allocation
Network/Access Costs	(No Response)
Outside Plant Costs	(No Response)
School Internal Connections and Components	(No Response)
Professional Services	(No Response)
Testing	(No Response)
Other Upfront Costs	(No Response)
Other Costs	(No Response)
Totals:	0

- 10. Please detail the type, quantity, per unit cost and total cost of the eligible items under each sub-category. This is especially important for any expenditures listed under the "Other" category. All expenditures must be eligible for tax-exempt financing to be reimbursed through the SSBA. Sufficient detail must be provided so that we can verify this is the case. If you have any questions, please contact us directly through smartschools@nysed.gov.
NOTE: Wireless Access Points should be included in this category, not under Classroom Educational Technology, except those that will be loaned/purchased for nonpublic schools.

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Add rows under each sub-category for additional items, as needed.

Select the allowable expenditure type. Repeat to add another item under each type.	Item to be purchased	Quantity	Cost per Item	Total Cost
(No Response)	(No Response)	(No Response)	(No Response)	(No Response)

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1. Specifically codified in a service contract with a provider, and
2. Guaranteed to be available to all students and devices as needed, particularly during periods of high demand, such as computer-based testing (CBT) periods.

Please describe how your district already meets or is planning to meet this standard within 12 months of plan submission.

District buildings are connected by a 10 GB Wide Area Network that supports a 1 GB connection to the Internet, and the network firewall is monitored 24/7. The District also has an Internet backup connection provided by Lightower. The District has a four-year hardware cycle, so device compatibility will not be an issue. High speed Internet access is funded by the District's annual budget.

- 1a. If a district believes that it will be impossible to meet this standard within 12 months, it may apply for a waiver of this requirement, as described on the Smart Schools website. The waiver must be filed and approved by SED prior to submitting this survey.

By checking this box, you are certifying that the school district has an approved waiver of this requirement on file with the New York State Education Department.

2. Connectivity Speed Calculator (Required)

	Number of Students	Multiply by 100 Kbps	Divide by 1000 to Convert to Required Speed in Mb	Current Speed in Mb	Expected Speed to be Attained Within 12 Months	Expected Date When Required Speed Will be Met
Calculated Speed	4,821	482,100	482.1	1000	1000	present

3. If the district wishes to have students and staff access the Internet from wireless devices within the school building, or in close proximity to it, it must first ensure that it has a robust Wi-Fi network in place that has sufficient bandwidth to meet user demand.

Please describe how you have quantified this demand and how you plan to meet this demand.

The District infrastructure features a state-of-the art high speed wireless network with access points that support the 802.11ac standard. Network switches were recently upgraded, and schools have extremely reliable high speed wireless access, with an access point in every classroom and multiple access points in common areas. An in-house network staff monitors and maintains the wireless network using wireless network monitoring tools.

4. All New York State public school districts are required to complete and submit an Instructional Technology Plan survey to the New York State Education Department in compliance with Section 753 of the Education Law and per Part 100.12 of the Commissioner’s Regulations.

Districts that include educational technology purchases as part of their Smart Schools Investment Plan must have a submitted and approved Instructional Technology Plan survey on file with the New York State Education Department.

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5. **Describe the devices you intend to purchase and their compatibility with existing or planned platforms or systems. Specifically address the adequacy of each facility's electrical, HVAC and other infrastructure necessary to install and support the operation of the planned technology.**

We are planning to purchase interactive classroom displays that are fully compatible with our computer hardware. All of the electrical systems and other infrastructure in our schools will be able to support the new display technology.

6. **Describe how the proposed technology purchases will:**
- > enhance differentiated instruction;
 - > expand student learning inside and outside the classroom;
 - > benefit students with disabilities and English language learners; and
 - > contribute to the reduction of other learning gaps that have been identified within the district.

The expectation is that districts will place a priority on addressing the needs of students who struggle to succeed in a rigorous curriculum. Responses in this section should specifically address this concern and align with the district's Instructional Technology Plan (in particular Question 2 of E. Curriculum and Instruction: "Does the district's instructional technology plan address the needs of students with disabilities to ensure equitable access to instruction, materials and assessments?" and Question 3 of the same section: "Does the district's instructional technology plan address the provision of assistive technology specifically for students with disabilities to ensure access to and participation in the general curriculum?")

The use of interactive displays will help all students, especially those with disabilities, to become more engaged in classroom instruction. Teachers will use the displays to annotate information, show presentations and videos, and replicate the functionality of a white board with the benefits of interactivity. For example, students who are learning drag and drop coding environments can observe a teacher who is able to physically replicate the work they will be doing on their laptops. This allows visual learners to understand concepts more easily. In addition, students will have the ability to interact with the screens to demonstrate concepts and understanding to others in their classes. Our District is committed to serving all students, and provides technology and apps/online services for students who have special needs.

Chromebooks will be purchased for our local parochial school, and these devices will also allow students who have disabilities to access content and resources by allowing visually impaired students to easily enlarge text and graphics and use a special "high contrast" mode to make text more readable. In addition, the Chromebooks will also allow students to use text to speech functionality, as well as allow students to dictate information into the Chromebook if they have issues with fine motor control.

7. **Where appropriate, describe how the proposed technology purchases will enhance ongoing communication with parents and other stakeholders and help the district facilitate technology-based regional partnerships, including distance learning and other efforts.**

The technology purchased will allow teachers to record screencasts of lessons which can be shared with parents and posted on websites. This will facilitate ongoing communication with parents and other stakeholders. In addition, both the Smart Displays and Chromebooks have the ability to host Google Meet videoconferences which support remote learning opportunities for students.

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8. Describe the district's plan to provide professional development to ensure that administrators, teachers and staff can employ the technology purchased to enhance instruction successfully.

Note: This response should be aligned and expanded upon in accordance with your district's response to Question 1 of F. Professional Development of your Instructional Technology Plan: "Please provide a summary of professional development offered to teachers and staff, for the time period covered by this plan, to support technology to enhance teaching and learning. Please include topics, audience and method of delivery within your summary."

The District provides support for technology professional development through a number of support systems:

1. Computer teachers, located in each building, provide professional development and training to teachers on a regular basis. The computer teachers will participate in a "train the trainers" professional development program, where they will be trained by a certified SMART trainer, allowing them to deliver enhanced training to their building's teaching staff.
2. The Scarsdale Teachers Institute (STI) offers a variety of courses that support the use of technology to enhance teaching and learning.
3. Computer teachers also offer workshops on the use of technology to support classroom instruction.
4. Scarsdale teachers are required to participate in annual technology professional development workshops, and some of our workshop offerings will include sessions on the effective use of interactive classroom displays.

9. Districts must contact the SUNY/CUNY teacher preparation program that supplies the largest number of the district's new teachers to request advice on innovative uses and best practices at the intersection of pedagogy and educational technology.

By checking this box, you certify that you have contacted the SUNY/CUNY teacher preparation program that supplies the largest number of your new teachers to request advice on these issues.

- 9a. Please enter the name of the SUNY or CUNY Institution that you contacted.

Lehman College

- 9b. Enter the primary Institution phone number.

(718) 960-8000

- 9c. Enter the name of the contact person with whom you consulted and/or will be collaborating with on innovative uses of technology and best practices.

Deborah Shanley

10. A district whose Smart Schools Investment Plan proposes the purchase of technology devices and other hardware must account for nonpublic schools in the district.

Are there nonpublic schools within your school district?

- Yes
 No

- 10a. Describe your plan to loan purchased hardware to nonpublic schools within your district. The plan should use your district's nonpublic per-student loan amount calculated below, within the framework of the guidance. Please enter the date by which nonpublic schools must request classroom technology items. Also, specify in your response the devices that the nonpublic schools have requested, as well as in the in the Budget and the Expenditure Table at the end of the page.

The Director of Instructional Technology had a face-to-face meeting with the principal of the primary non-public school within our district to review the Smart Schools program and receive a proposal to purchase hardware. Purchasing was submitted to the District prior to the Smart Schools Bond community hearing. Classroom technology items must be requested by June 1st annually. We have also reached out to the additional nonpublic school and have not received a response. We set aside their funds under "undetermined nonpublic expenditures that will be available if they choose to participate.

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- 10b. A final Smart Schools Investment Plan cannot be approved until school authorities have adopted regulations specifying the date by which requests from nonpublic schools for the purchase and loan of Smart Schools Bond Act classroom technology must be received by the district.

By checking this box, you certify that you have such a plan and associated regulations in place that have been made public.

11. Nonpublic Classroom Technology Loan Calculator

The Smart Schools Bond Act provides that any Classroom Learning Technology purchases made using Smart Schools funds shall be lent, upon request, to nonpublic schools in the district. However, no school district shall be required to loan technology in amounts greater than the total obtained and spent on technology pursuant to the Smart Schools Bond Act and the value of such loan may not exceed the total of \$250 multiplied by the nonpublic school enrollment in the base year at the time of enactment.

See:

http://www.p12.nysed.gov/mgtserv/smart_schools/docs/Smart_Schools_Bond_Act_Guidance_04.27.15_Final.pdf.

	1. Classroom Technology Sub-allocation	2. Public Enrollment (2014-15)	3. Nonpublic Enrollment (2014-15)	4. Sum of Public and Nonpublic Enrollment	5. Total Per Pupil Sub-allocation	6. Total Nonpublic Loan Amount
Calculated Nonpublic Loan Amount	244,402	4,821	249	5,070	48	11,952

- 12. To ensure the sustainability of technology purchases made with Smart Schools funds, districts must demonstrate a long-term plan to maintain and replace technology purchases supported by Smart Schools Bond Act funds. This sustainability plan shall demonstrate a district's capacity to support recurring costs of use that are ineligible for Smart Schools Bond Act funding such as device maintenance, technical support, Internet and wireless fees, maintenance of hotspots, staff professional development, building maintenance and the replacement of incidental items. Further, such a sustainability plan shall include a long-term plan for the replacement of purchased devices and equipment at the end of their useful life with other funding sources.

By checking this box, you certify that the district has a sustainability plan as described above.

- 13. Districts must ensure that devices purchased with Smart Schools Bond funds will be distributed, prepared for use, maintained and supported appropriately. Districts must maintain detailed device inventories in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

By checking this box, you certify that the district has a distribution and inventory management plan and system in place.

14. If you are submitting an allocation for Classroom Learning Technology complete this table.

Note that the calculated Total at the bottom of the table must equal the Total allocation for this category that you entered in the SSIP Overview overall budget.

	Sub-Allocation
Interactive Whiteboards	214,950
Computer Servers	0
Desktop Computers	0
Laptop Computers	10,605
Tablet Computers	0
Other Costs	18,847
Totals:	244,402

- 15. Please detail the type, quantity, per unit cost and total cost of the eligible items under each sub-category. This is

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especially important for any expenditures listed under the "Other" category. All expenditures must be capital-bond eligible to be reimbursed through the SSBA. If you have any questions, please contact us directly through smartschools@nysed.gov.

Please specify in the "Item to be Purchased" field which specific expenditures and items are planned to meet the district's nonpublic loan requirement, if applicable.

NOTE: Wireless Access Points that will be loaned/purchased for nonpublic schools should ONLY be included in this category, not under School Connectivity, where public school districts would list them.

Add rows under each sub-category for additional items, as needed.

Select the allowable expenditure type. Repeat to add another item under each type.	Item to be Purchased	Quantity	Cost per Item	Total Cost
Interactive Whiteboards	65 inch Smart interactive display	35	3,999	139,965
Interactive Whiteboards	75 inch Smart interactive display	15	4,999	74,985
Laptop Computers	Acer R11 Chromebooks with management module (nonpub)	35	303	10,605
Other Costs	Chromebook carts (nonpub)	1	899	899
Other Costs	mobile display carts for 65 inch interactive displays	35	500	17,500
Other Costs	Undetermined Nonpublic Expenditures	1	448	448