

# Smart Schools Bond Act

The NYS Department of Education authorized the issuance of \$2 billion in their budget to finance improved education technology and infrastructure to improve learning and opportunity for students.

# Application Process

School districts must follow the specific Smart Schools Bond Act Application Process to receive funds.

1. Review allocation amount
2. Tech Plan
3. Identify district needs
4. Stakeholder engagement
5. Plan
6. State Ed review
7. Approval
8. Expenditure & Reimbursement

# Review allocation amount

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## Allocation of Funds

School districts were allocated a portion of the Smart Schools Bond monies based on their “need”.

Lake George School District was allocated  
\$229,532

# Approved Tech Plan

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Lake George's Technology plan was submitted and approved in 2015 and updated in 2016.

[Click here to review  
the Technology Plan](#)

# District Needs

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The expansion of the weLearn 1:1 computer and iPad program being completed throughout the district, and increased use of online learning tools has highlighted a need to create a future ready Internet Infrastructure.

2014-2015 40 mbps

1st year of weLearn rollout - Grades 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10

2015-2016 100 mbps

2nd year of weLearn rollout - Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11

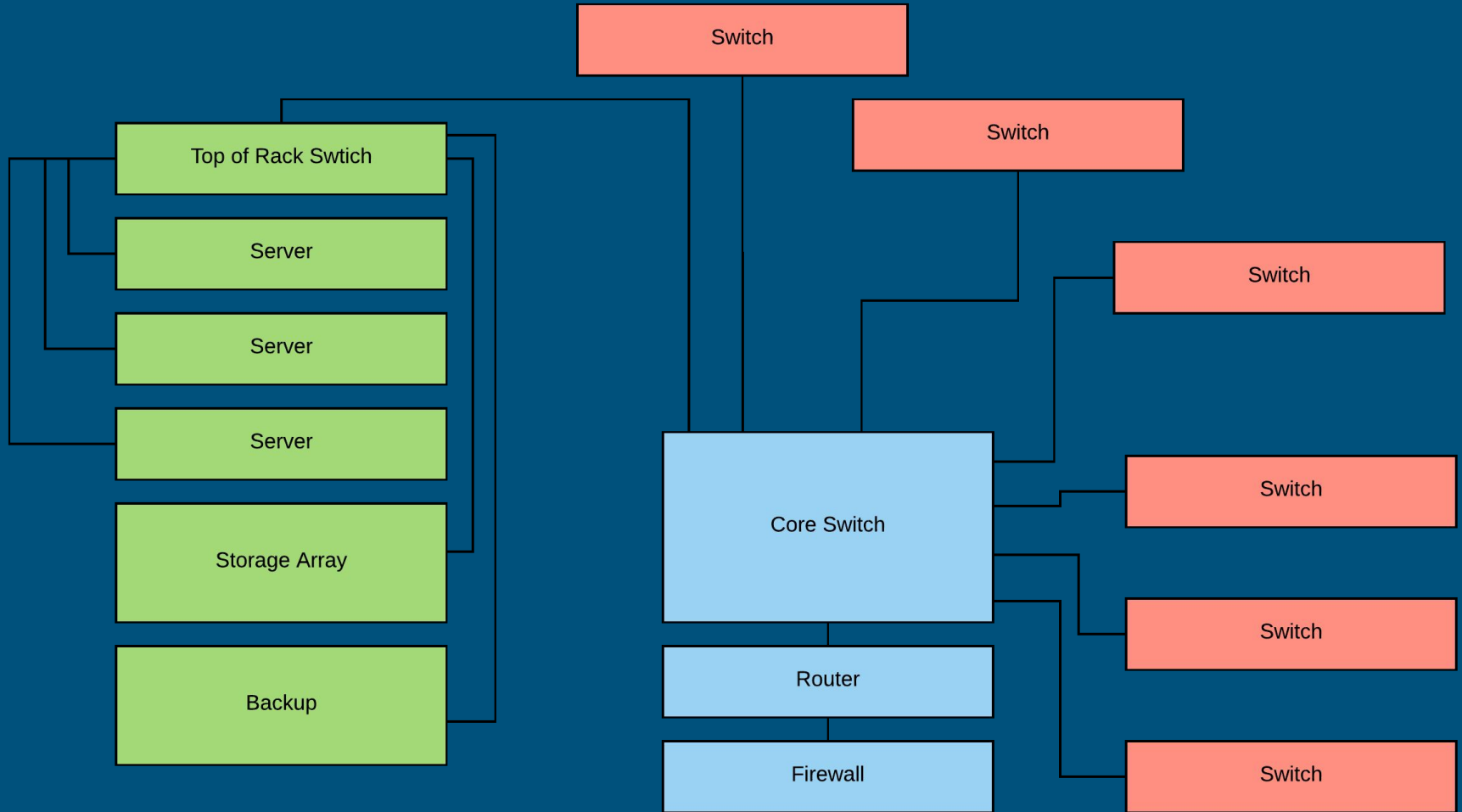
2016-2017 100 mbps

Fully rolled out weLearn

Bandwidth issues reported, 1/17 increased service to 150mbps

Future Plans: January 2018 upgrade to 200 mbps

# Recommended Equipment:



# Recommendations

- 1st Priority (pictured in blue) Core components for connectivity  
~\$60,000 (including UPS)
- 2nd Priority (pictured in orange) Edge Switches in closets  
~\$140,000
- Lowest Priority - Server upgrades

First and Second Priority work will leave ~\$30,000 of the allocation remaining. This is not enough for the server work, however our current servers still have years of life remaining.

# Smart Schools Application Process Plan

January 2017	Identify district needs
March 15, 2017	Stakeholder engagement with District Technology Committee meeting
March 22, 2017	Plan and Timeline Presentation to Audit & Finance Committee
April 11, 2017	Preliminary plan approved by Board at Board Meeting
April 12 - May 12, 2017	Posted on website for 30 days
June 13, 2017	Public notice & hearing
August 23, 2017	Final Plan prepared and presented to Audit & Finance Committee
September 12, 2017	Approved by Board
Fall 2018	Submission
TBD	State Ed review
TBD	Approval
Spring 2018	Purchase of equipment by district
Summer 2018	Installation of equipment and electricity work in closets
Fall 2018	Reimbursement of expenditures by state (within 90 days)

## Amended Timeline:

6/17/2019	Approval
Spring 2020	Purchase of equipment by district
Summer 2020	Installation of equipment and electricity work in closets
Fall 2020	Reimbursement of expenditures by state (within 90 days)







# Feedback

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