

#### **SMART SCHOOLS BOND ACT**











- ☐ The Smart Schools Bond Act was included in the 2014-15 State Budget.
- ☐ The Smart Schools Bond Act authorizes the issuance of \$2 billion of general obligation bonds to finance improved educational technology and infrastructure.





- ☐ The Smart Schools Bond Act was approved Tuesday, November 4, 2014.
- Harborfields will receive \$ 1,322,218.







According to statue, the Bond may be used for capital projects to:

- Acquire learning technology equipment or facilities, including but not limited to interactive whiteboards, computer servers, and desktop, laptop, and tablet computers
- ☐ Install high-speed broadband or wireless internet connectivity for schools and communities





According to statue, the Bond may be used for capital projects to:

- ☐ Construct, enhance, and modernize educational facilities to accommodate pre-kindergarten programs and to provide instructional space to replace classroom trailers
- ☐ 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





- □ Each district must submit a Smart Schools Investment Plan to the Smart Schools Review Board for approval. The Smart Schools Review Board may approve the plan, reject the plan, or return the plan to the school district for modifications.
- The Smart Schools Review Board is a statutorily-created panel comprised of the Chancellor of the State University of New York, the Director of the Budget, and the Commissioner of Education.





Smart Schools allocation does not expire and does not have to be used by a certain date. If the allocation is not used in one school year, it can be carried over to the next school year.

☐ Smart School allocation may not be used to generate other types of State School Aid.





#### **Harborfields Central School District**

Updates on the Smart Schools Bond Investment Plan for Harborfields will be provided at future Board meetings.



