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Smart Schools Bond Act Update  
New York State Board of Regents  
P-12 Education Committee Meeting

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# Smart Schools Bond Act Overview

- \$2 Billion Capital Bond approved by statewide vote in November 2014
- To finance improved educational technology and infrastructure.
- One-time allocation to each school district based on district size and pupil need.
- Districts must loan a share of certain portable devices to Nonpublic students attending schools within the district.

# Smart Schools Bond Act Overview

- Additional \$5 Million appropriation for Special Education Schools.
- Districts submit one or more plans to SED, up to their allocation, that are reviewed by program offices and Review Board staff for allowable expenditures, cost comparisons and other program requirements.
- NO expenditures can be made prior to formal SSBA Review Board approval.

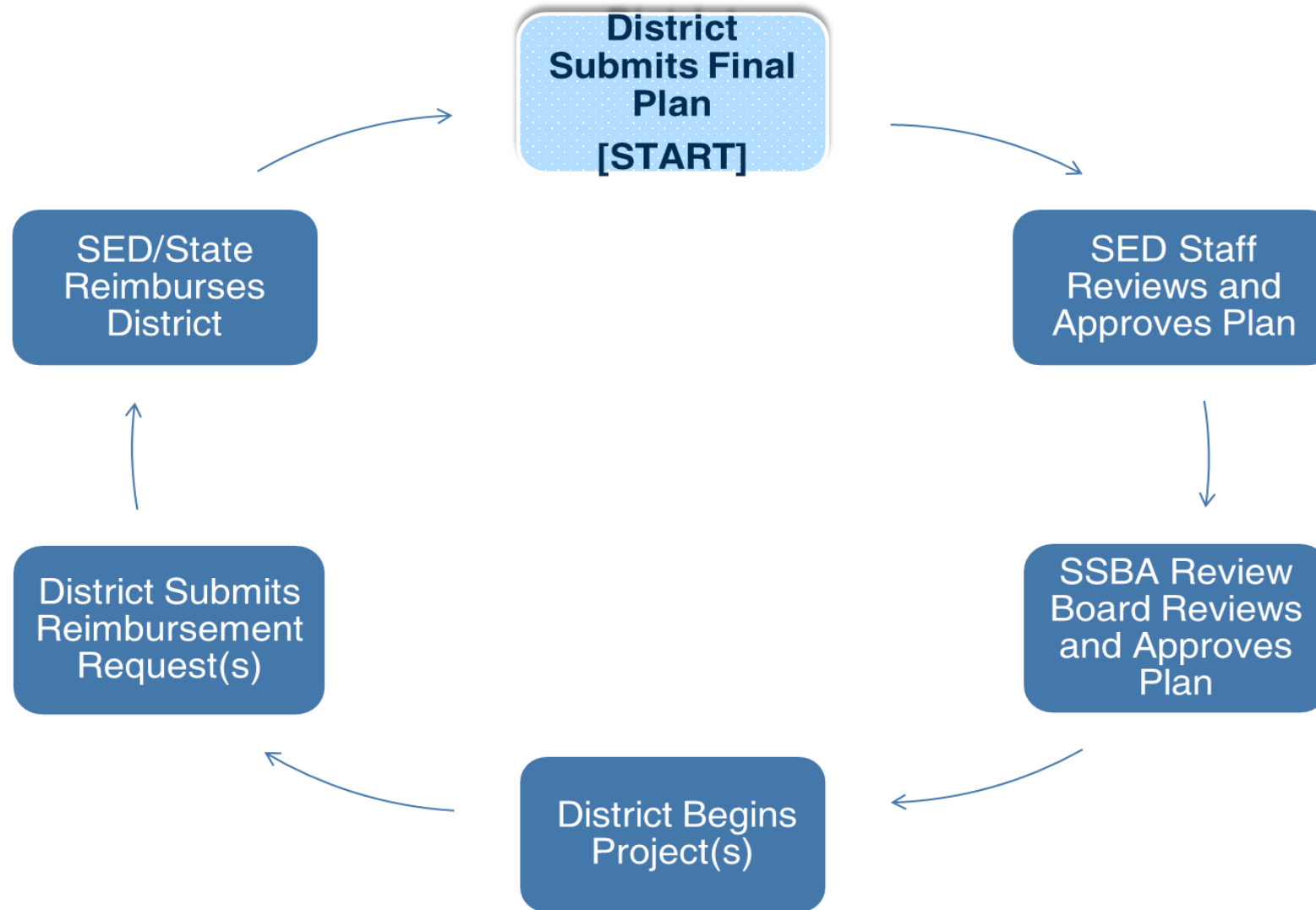
# Smart Schools Bond Act Allowable Categories

- School Connectivity - Connect school buildings to high speed broadband
- Community Connectivity - Expand learning outside of the school day and building
- Learning Technology (or Devices) - Acquire learning technology equipment or devices

# Smart Schools Bond Act Allowable Categories

- Pre-Kindergarten Classrooms - Construct, enhance or modernize education facilities
- Replacing Transportable Classrooms - Expand or construct permanent instructional space to replace transportable classroom units
- High-Tech Security - Install high-tech security features in schools

# The Smart Schools Investment Plan Approval Process



# Smart Schools Investment Plans Status Summary as of 12/8/2017

- 464 plans approved by the Review Board with budgets totaling \$396,379,610, including:
  - ❖ 321 school districts, (includes multiple SSIP projects)
  - ❖ All Big 5 districts
  - ❖ 20 Special Education schools

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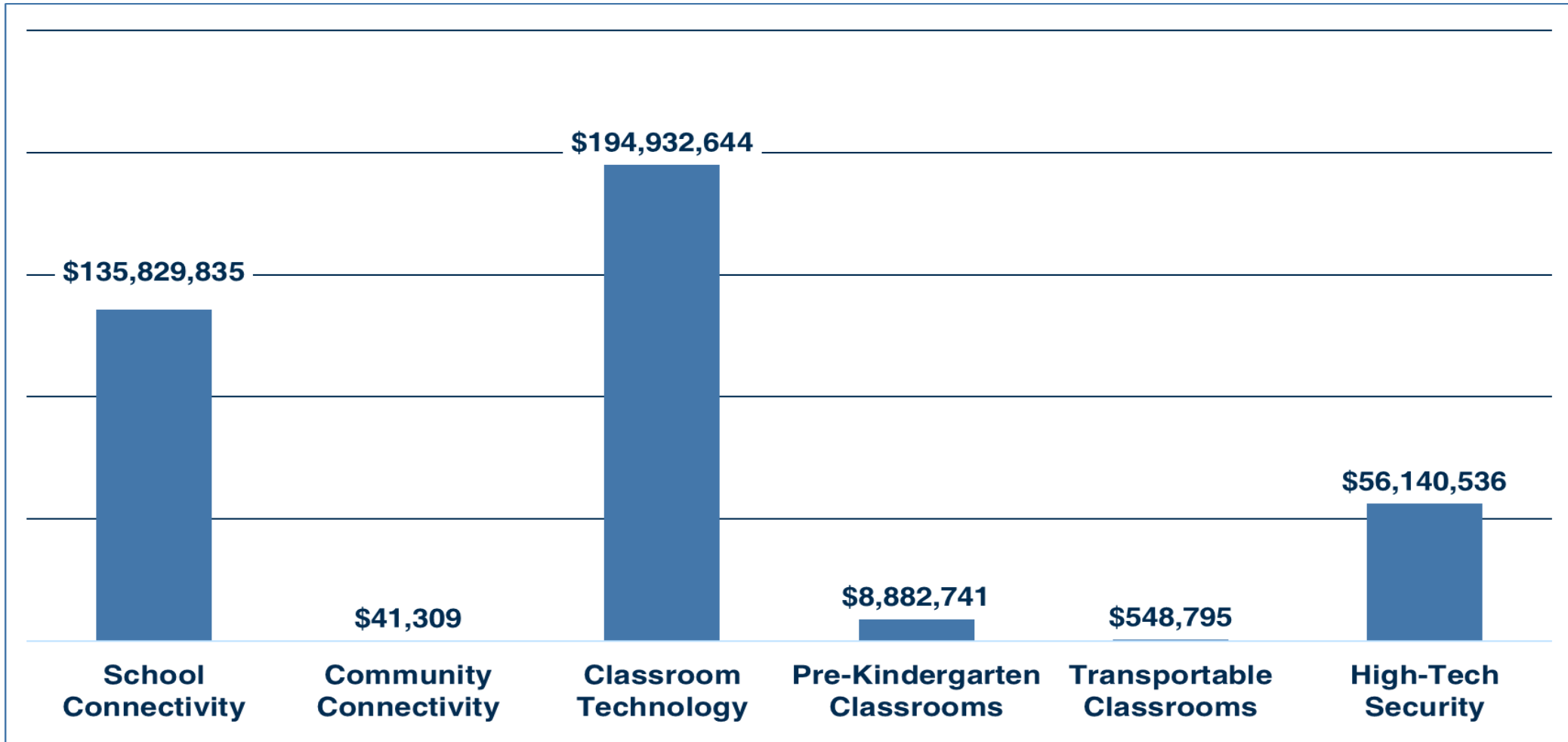
- ❖ 4 plans have been shared with Review Board for its consideration, with budgets totaling \$783,778,718.
- ❖ \$783 million of this is from two NYC Smart Schools Investment Plans for School Connectivity, Classroom Technology, PK Classrooms and Replacement of Transportable Classrooms.
- ❖ There are an additional 247 SSIP's in various stages of internal SED review.



# Approved Plans by Category as of 11/27/2017

<b>Categories</b>	<b># of Plans</b>	<b>Approved Budgets</b>
School Connectivity	258	\$135,829,835
Community Connectivity	3	\$41,309
Classroom Learning Technology	310	\$194,956,567
Pre-Kindergarten Classrooms	8	\$8,882,741
Transportable Classroom Units	1	\$548,795
High-Tech Security	143	\$56,140,536
<b>Total Approved</b>		<b>\$396,399,783</b>

# Allocation of Funds in Approved Plans to Date



# Reimbursement Claims Submitted/Paid Summary as of 12/08/2017

- 296 claims with budgets totaling \$124,566,347 including:
  - ❖ 175 School Districts
  - ❖ 3 Big 5 Districts: Rochester, Syracuse & Yonkers
- 253 claims approved, totaling \$104,774,412
  - ❖ 168 School Districts = \$89,938,522
  - ❖ 2 Big 5 Districts = \$14,835,890
- Total pending claims = 43, totaling \$19,791,935

# Claims by Category as of 11/30/2017

<b>Categories</b>	<b># of Plans</b>	<b>Approved Budgets</b>
School Connectivity	109	\$35,275,859
Community Connectivity	0	\$0
Classroom Learning Technology	220	\$73,833,439
Pre-Kindergarten Classrooms	3	\$16,319
Transportable Classroom Units	1	\$300
High-Tech Security	40	\$7,425,692
<b>Total Approved</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>\$114,655,540</b>

# New Program Rules for Nonpublic Loans

# New Program Rules – Enacted in 2017-18

- 2017-18 State Budget changed the rules for the calculation of the nonpublic share amount;
- A portion of School Connectivity investments considered portable, such as will now be part of the per pupil calculation of the nonpublic loan amount;
- Before, only items in the Classroom Technology category were included in the total amount that was divided by the 2014-15 enrollment to calculate the per pupil loan amount.

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- For districts with School Connectivity investments that had submitted plans prior to April 15, 2017, the Legislature and Governor created a \$25 million program to provide districts with the additional loan amount generated under the new rules;
- For districts with plans submitted after April 15, 2017, the Smart Schools program itself will change – subject to the same calculation rules,
- The nonpublic per pupil calculation will grow; however,
- The per pupil loanable share will remain capped at \$250.