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September 14, 2026

Re: Brocton CSD Proposes Smart Schools Security Enhancements

The Brocton Central School District is preparing to utilize a portion of its remaining Smart Schools Bond Act allocation to further strengthen campus safety and emergency communication systems during the 2026-2027 school year.

The Smart Schools Bond Act, approved by New York State voters in 2014, provides funding to school districts for educational technology, infrastructure improvements, and enhanced school security. Brocton currently has \$353,063 remaining in its Smart Schools allocation.

District officials have identified safety and security as a top priority and are proposing a project focused on improving the effectiveness of emergency announcements and communications throughout the campus. The initiative builds upon upgrades completed during the summer of 2024 when the district replaced its aging public address (PA) system as part of an emergency capital project.

While the current system includes emergency call buttons and is integrated with the district's lockdown notification system, some areas of the campus continue to have limited announcement coverage. The proposed project would address these gaps by expanding and enhancing the existing system.

Planned improvements include additional speaker coverage in stairwells, locker rooms, and restrooms; replacement of more than 20-year-old exterior warning horns; installation of visual status lights in noisy locations such as gymnasiums, cafeterias, and the technology shop; and the addition of emergency call buttons in the technology shop that connect directly to the Main Office and Health Office.

The project would also strengthen the district's lockdown notification capabilities by ensuring emergency alerts are more effectively communicated both inside and outside school buildings.

Proposed equipment and installations include:

- 32 replacement exterior horns
- 9 new IP speakers
- 6 standard speakers
- 7 visual status indicator lights
- 2 emergency call switches

The total project cost is estimated at \$46,860, including equipment, installation labor, project management, and administrative expenses. Following completion of the project, Brocton would retain an estimated Smart Schools Bond Act balance of \$306,203 for future eligible improvements.

Public Review and Approval Process

The Board of Education is expected to approve the preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan #3 on **August 12, 2026**. Following preliminary approval, a required **30-day public comment period** will be conducted from **August 12, 2026 through September 11, 2026**. During this period, community members may review the complete plan on the District website and submit comments or questions via email to **smartschoolproject3@broctoncsd.org**.

A public hearing on the proposed Smart Schools Investment Plan #3 will be held on **September 16, 2026, at 6:00 PM** in the District Auditorium. The hearing will provide an opportunity for residents, parents, staff, and community stakeholders to learn more about the proposal and offer feedback.

Following the public comment period and hearing, the Board of Education is scheduled to consider final adoption of the Smart Schools Investment Plan #3 on **October 14, 2026, at 7:00 PM**. Upon Board approval, the plan will be submitted to the New York State Education Department for final review and authorization.

District leaders believe these enhancements will further support a safe, secure, and responsive learning environment for students, staff, and visitors while maximizing available state funding dedicated to school safety and technology improvements.

Sincerely,



Jason C. Delcamp
Superintendent