



## Smart Schools Bond Act SSBA

### Investment Plan

7/18/18

The Smart Schools Bond Act has allocated Developmental Disabilities Institute \$62,008 to finance educational technology capital projects to improve learning and opportunity for students with disabilities. Below is our budgeted Investment Plan to utilize the funds and descriptions of the purchases:

#### Classroom Learning Technology Equipment

- *The planned purchases are for iPads, laptops, and desktop computers totaling \$47,492. All device procurements are compatible with our existing environment and will also function in the near future with our infrastructure advancements.*
- *iPads and computers provide students with a high interest visual modality for learning. Many students with Autism are attracted to the visual and auditory characteristics inherent in using iPads and computers. The iPads are also used for communication for students who are nonverbal communicators, so the portable nature of iPad allows students to communicate in all environments. Instructionally, iPads and computers offer a wide source of software for generalization and reinforcement of newly learned skills.*

#### High-Tech Security Features

- *The planned purchase is to install video surveillance systems at the Little Plains school and CRP totaling \$14,600. Students in our program have serious, pervasive and potentially life threatening inappropriate behaviors. They attend our program because they require a highly restrictive setting due to behaviors that include elopement (running out of the environment) and bolting. We also have students that wander. Students we serve do not have the cognitive ability to be able to protect themselves in the community alone or when around traffic. Despite very intensive staffing ratios, and intensive staff training on supervision and each student's Behavior Support Plan, there have been occasions when a student ran away from staff faster than the staff can run, so the security cameras would provide a view of which door was used and which direction the student headed.*

If you have any comments concerning the budgeted Investment Plan, please send them to Erica Comando at 99 Hollywood Drive, Smithtown, NY 11787, thank you.