January 26, 2023

Dear Elizabeth Seton Children’s School Community,

The New York State Smart Schools Bond Act has allocated funds for schools that may be used to “finance improved educational technology and infrastructure to improve learning and opportunity for students throughout the State.” The Elizabeth Seton Children’s School has been allocated funds through this program for the amount of $25,842.

One way in which our educators ensure the best possible educational outcomes for our students is through the use of Data Driven Instruction (DDI). Data-driven instruction is when teachers use data, such as daily progress notes and educational reports, to inform their classroom instruction. When instruction is based off of student data, teachers are able to make the best instructional choices to ensure our students are learning the skills they need in order to successfully meet the goals of their Individualized Education Plans (IEPs). In order to facilitate our educators’ access to this important data, the Elizabeth Seton Children’s School has secured an electronic records management system with the company DocuPhase. This new system will allow the school to provide educators with access to their student’s educational records while also allowing us to “safely store sensitive information with advanced and highly customizable security protocols”.

Our Smart Schools Investment Plan details our intentions to utilize our allocation to purchase necessary hardware and equipment (e.g. computer servers) to house this system. This equipment would give the school the capability to host the new system on premises and securely control and maintain confidential student data and educational records through our in-house Information Technology Department. Please refer to the Smart Schools Investment Plan (SSIP) for a detailed listing of this equipment and its related cost.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding our Smart Schools Investment Plan, you may send correspondence to 300 Corporate Boulevard South, Yonkers, New York 10701. You may also contact me via phone at (914) 294-6290 or through email at EWittSuarez@setonchildrens.org.

Sincerely,

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