

FULTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

CONTRACT FOR EXCELLENCE

PUBLIC HEARING

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WHAT IS CONTRACT FOR EXCELLENCE? (C4E)

- The Contracts were established by NYS Laws of 2007.
- Districts designated as C4E are required to comply with additional accountability requirements.
- To be designated C4E, a district must have at least one school labeled as in need of improvement.
- Additionally, C4E districts received an increase of 10% or more over their prior year's Foundation Aid. The first 4% may be used without restriction and the rest must be used on C4E initiatives to improve student performance.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS

- NYS Education Department approves all C4E contracts.
- Programs selected by the district must predominately benefit those students with the greatest academic need
 - a) English language learners
 - b) students in poverty
 - c) students with disabilities.
- Programs must predominately benefit students in schools identified in need of improvement and must address the most serious academic problems.
- Programs must use practices based on research or evidence which demonstrate student attainment of NYS learning standards.

C4E INITIATIVES USE RESEARCH BASED PRACTICES & EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES IN THE FOLLOWING ALLOWABLE PROGRAMS

- Middle & High School Restructuring
- Class Size Reduction
- Teacher and Principal Improvement
- Time on Task
- Full Day Pre-K & Kindergarten

2007-08 C4E INITIATIVES

YEAR 1

- **\$1,878,205:** allocated 75% new & 25% existing items
- **Restructuring:** GRB special education Basic & Essential classes; additional staff in math, ELA, tutoring and PBIS; creation of 9th grade advisory program at GRB and home / school liaison at FJHS
- **Class Size Reduction:** continuation of district' efforts
- **Teacher & Principal Improvement:** student data management to support decisions / prof development
- **Time on Task:** Fast ForWord software & new reading series for all elementary schools; introduction of Read 180 program at FJHS

2008-09 C4E INITIATIVES

- **\$1,190,246 New C4E Aid**
- **Restructuring: Special Education** – A number of students currently enrolled in BOCES will be educated in a new district program.
- C4E funds will allow for 6 new special education teachers, 8 teaching assistants, 2 counselors, a psychologist, a licensed speech pathologist and a Director of Student Support Programs.
- Professional development, classroom supplies and technology will be provided.

2008-09 DISTRICTWIDE INITIATIVES

- Focus on Students with Disabilities and Low Socio-economic Students
- Program location for Special Ed Services:
 - Volney Elementary - \$545,242 to support 3 classrooms and related services
 - Granby Elementary – \$340,229 to support 2 classrooms and related services
 - GRB – \$304,775 to support 1 classroom and related services

2008-09 C4E INITIATIVES

- **Continuation of 2007-08 C4E program** at a cost of \$1,878,205 must be included in the district's budget and C4E contract along with the spending for 2008-09 C4E.
- **Year 2 of the 2007-08 program** will maintain ongoing initiatives and expand the C4E efforts by creating an advisory program for 10th grade, supporting Fast ForWord in more grade levels, and purchasing a new math series textbook.