

Contract for Excellence

Wappingers Central School District

Public Hearing at Wappingers Junior High School
April 21, 2008
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Contract for Excellence Background

- New York State Initiative 2007-08
- Goal: To Compel Selected Districts to use Funding for NYSED Approved Academic Improvement Plans
- Targets Districts With at Least One School Requiring Academic Progress AND an Increase in Foundation Aid of at least \$15 million or 10% of the Amount Received in the Base Year (whichever is lower)
- Mandates How Increased Foundation Aid May Be Used

Contract for Excellence in WCSD

- How Did WCSD Get on the "List"?
- Both Junior High Schools Were Considered *Schools Requiring Academic Progress* (SRAP) in 2006-07 Because Students With Disabilities Failed to Make AYP in ELA*
- Over 10% Increase in Foundation Aid for 2007-08

*Note: In 2007-08 all subgroups made AYP

Contract for Excellence Requirements

- Mandated Use of Increased Foundation Aid for the Wappingers Central School District:
 - Only 4% May Be Used Without Restriction
 - At Least 50% Must Be Spent on New Programs
 - Up to 15% of the Total Amount May Be Spent on Experimental Programs
 - Up to 50% May be Spent to Maintain/Expand Existing Programs

Contract for Excellence Requirements

NYSED -

- Funds Must be Targeted for Programs That Will Predominately Benefit Students With the Greatest Educational Needs Including, But Not Limited To, Those Students With Limited English Proficiency, Students in Poverty and Students With Disabilities.

Proposed WCSD Plan -

- The District is on the C4E List Because of Student Performance at the Junior High Level. Junior High Programs Were Targeted for Improvement with C4E Funding in the 2007-2008 School Year.
- These Students Will Be Moving on to the High School. A Successful Transition to High School Impacts the Graduation Rate. Therefore, We Propose to Improve High School Programs (With a Concentration on the 9th Grade) With C4E Funding for the 2008-2009 School Year.

Contract for Excellence Categories

- Allowable Categories:
 - Class Size Reduction
 - Increased Time on Task
 - Improving Teacher/Principal Quality
 - Restructuring Middle School/High School
 - Full Day Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten
 - Programs for Students with Limited English Proficiency
 - Experimental Programs

Class Size Reduction

NYSED Definition -

- Create or Construct More Classrooms
- Assign More Than One Teacher in a Classroom to Reduce Student-Teacher Ratio

Proposed WCSD Plan -

- Teachers for Manufactured Classrooms at Fishkill Elementary
- Teaching Assistant at Kinry Road Elementary
- Additional Math/Business Teacher at the High Schools

Increased Time on Task

NYSED Definition -

- Lengthened school day
- Lengthened school year
- Dedicated instructional time
- Individualized tutoring
- Includes after-school programs

Proposed WCSD Plan -

- Summer School for Grades 8-9
- Summer Reading Camp K-2
- AIS at the High School (Reading/ELA/Social Studies)

Improving Teacher/Principal Quality

NYSED Definition -

- Recruit and Retain Highly Qualified Teachers and Principals
- Professional Mentoring Programs for Beginning Teachers and Principals
- Incentive Programs for Highly Qualified and High Performing Teachers to Transfer to Low Performing Schools
- Instructional Coaches for Teachers
- School Leadership Coaches for Principals

Proposed WCSD Plan -

- Continue Use of Literacy Coaches

Restructuring Middle/High Schools

NYSED Definition -

- Implement Instructional Program Changes
- Make Structural Changes to Schools
- The Above Programs Must Include:
 - Instructional Program Changes
 - Challenging Academic Content and Learning Opportunities

Proposed WCSD Plan -

- Teaming in Grade 9 at Both High Schools
- School-to-Work Program for Special Education Students
- Additional Special Education Services at the High Schools

Full Day Pre-K or Kindergarten

NYSED Definition -

- Pre-kindergarten: Full Day Instructional Program for Four-year-old Children
- Kindergarten: Full Day Instructional Program for Five-year-old Children
- Both May Include Extended Hours at School or Community Based Organizations.

Proposed WCSD Plan -

- None At This Time

Programs For Students With Limited English Proficiency

NYSED Definition -

- Expansion or Replication of Effective Model Programs for Students With Limited English Proficiency

Proposed WCSD Plan -

- No New Programs At This Time

Experimental Programs

NYSED Definition -

- Up to 15 % of the Contract Amount May Be Used for Experimental Programs
- Experimental Programs Require a Contract Approved by the Commissioner

Proposed WCSD Plan -

- None At This Time

WCSD Proposed 2008-2009 Contract for Excellence Costs

□ Programs Included as C4E* in the Wappingers School District Plan:	
■ Special Education Services	\$330,988
■ Class Size Reduction at Fishkill & Kinry	\$ 33,460
■ Math/Business Ed Teacher	\$ 77,819
■ Summer School	\$ 37,507
■ 9 th Grade at Orchard View	\$155,638
■ AIS at the High School (Reading)	\$155,638
■ 9 th Grade Teaming	
□ Regular Education Teachers	\$544,733
□ Special Education Teachers	\$311,276
■ Summer Reading Camp K-2	\$ 10,146
■ School to Work Program (ARC)	\$ 79,380

*Included Staffing Costs Are To Replace Experienced Teachers Moving to C4E Programs

Questions/Comments