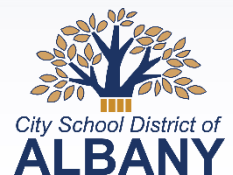


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Decisions may be adjusted based on additional feedback and data

June 2, 2022



CSDA Guiding Principles

Vision Statement

The City School District of Albany will be a district of excellence with caring relationships and engaging learning experiences that provide equitable opportunities for all students to reach their potential.

Mission Statement

We will work in partnership with our diverse community to engage every learner in a robust educational program designed to provide the knowledge and skills necessary for success.

Goals

- Increase **student achievement**
- Enhance the **delivery of quality instruction**
- Build our **leadership capacity**
- Empower families**
- Partner with our diverse community**



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Discussion Topics

- What is the Contract for Excellence?
- Contract for Excellence goal
- Contract for Excellence history
- Allocation for Contract for Excellence funding
- Intended use of the funding
- Requirements
- Additional information
- Questions/comments

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What is the Contract for Excellence

A Contract for Excellence requires eligible school districts to allocate a portion of their state aid to support student achievement in identified schools in an effort to close the achievement gap.

Strategies include:

- Increased time on task
- Class-size reduction
- HS or MS restructuring
- Improved teacher/principal quality
- Expanded early childhood opportunities
- Support for English-language learners

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Contract for Excellence Goal

The \$1.8 million funding allocation is earmarked for all students, including students with disabilities, economically disadvantaged and low-achieving students.

The contract regulations state that the plan established for these students should result in a 10% gain in achievement in meeting the NYS Learning Standards.

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Contract for Excellence History

- **2008-09:** School districts that received increases in Foundation Aid in excess of 10% were required to develop programs to improve student achievement. Our district's amount was \$2.3 million.
- **2009-10:** While state aid decreased, school districts were still required to continue the C4E programs.
- **2010-11:** The state budget was not passed until late August. The State Education Department did not provide guidance in a timely manner and eventually suspended the program. Our district continued the programs.
- **2011-12:** C4E is reintroduced. The amount is \$1.8 million. There is no funding because state aid decreased in 2011-12.
- **2012-13 through 2016-17:** C4E continues at the 2011-12 amount of \$1.8 million. However, the state subtracted \$10.8 million (2012-13), \$7.6 million (2013-14) and \$2.7 million (2014-15) from our annual state aid to help balance the state budget.

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- **2017-18:** C4E continues at the 2016-17 amount of \$1.8 million. However, there wasn't any guidance from SED, and therefore no official submittal of a budget plan could occur.
- **2018-19:** C4E reinstated by SED at the 2017-18 amount of \$1.8 million. Guidance was not made available until November.
- **2019-20 through 2020-21:** C4E continued at the 2018-19 amount of \$1.8 million. However, there wasn't any guidance from SED, and therefore the budget plan documents were built in accordance with 2018-19 guidance documents.
- **2021-2022:** C4E continued at the 2018-19 amount of \$1.8 million. Guidance was not made available until September 2021. A budget plan was submitted, but the public hearing process was waived.

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Allocation for Contract for Excellence Funding

Targets students with the greatest educational need in schools that SED has identified. The individual priority schools that will receive program supports in 2022-2023 are:

- Giffen
- Myers
- North Albany
- Schuyler
- Sheridan Prep

Allocation is 60% of the funding

Initiatives for these schools include additional supports, such as math/literacy coaches, math interventionists, social work, reading and ENL instructors.

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What is the Intended Use of the Funding?

Schools receiving additional supports:

- Albany High/Clement
- Arbor Hill
- ASH
- Delaware
- Eagle Point
- Hackett
- Montessori
- New Scotland
- Pine Hills
- TOAST

Allocation is 40% of the funding

Additional supports will be provided in the areas of:

- Social work
- Math/literacy coaches and math interventionists
- ENL and reading instruction

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Requirements

- Notify members of the public when they have the opportunity to comment (announce the hearing)
- Post on our website and begin the 30-day public-comment period June 2
- Public hearing June 2
- Close the 30-day comment period July 5
- Submit plan to SED by July 11

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Additional Information

For additional information about the district's 2022-23 Contract for Excellence, please visit:

albanyschools.org/C4E

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Questions/Comments

