

PORT JERVIS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Port Pride



Gains and Improvements - since 2006



TEACHING and LEARNING

- District is in "Good Standing" under No Child Left Behind (NCLB).
- Test scores on the NY State Assessments for grades 3-8 have improved significantly.
- K-12 Strategic Plan: Aggressive five-year goals are being met.
- High School offers advanced placement, honors and many new elective courses. College course program is affiliated with Syracuse University and SUNY Orange.
- Foreign language choices include Mandarin Chinese, Spanish and French.
- Music education program provides band, chorus, and drama at all levels.
- Updated textbooks and grade-level libraries.
- Curriculum maps for all subjects, grades K-12.
- Technology integrated into curriculum.
- Before and after-school programs offered by the YMCA.
- Professional development for all teachers and support staff.
- Academic intervention program with computer emphasis.
- Secondary alternative education program.
- More than 100 High School students participate in career & technical program.
- Strong interscholastic athletic program includes modified, junior varsity and varsity teams.
- Close to 40 High School and 20 Middle School extracurricular activities, including SADD, Kiwanis Key Club, Rotary Interact, and Student Council.



TECHNOLOGY

- Five-year technology plan.
- All facilities wired.
- Computers and Smartboard technology in all classrooms.
- Upgraded hardware, software and data systems.
- Computer labs and laptop carts in all schools.
- Professional development for all staff.
- Web-based educational programs.

BUDGET and FINANCE

- District has a A+ financial rating from Standard & Poor's.
- Efficient budget planning process.
- Spending controlled through stringent purchasing procedures, program efficiencies, and responsible fiscal oversight.
- No major discrepancies on internal or external audits.
- Internal audit committee provides oversight.

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CAPITAL PROJECTS and BUILDING MAINTENANCE

- The \$14.6 million Capital Projects Referendum addressed urgent building needs. Funded by State Building Aid and EXCEL (Expanding our Children's Education and Learning) Aid.
- Capital Project Phase I - completed Summer 2007. Replaced roofing, flooring, heating systems, & entrance at Hamilton Bicentennial Elementary School (HBE); renovated Anna S. Kuhl Elementary School (ASK) library; refurbished Middle School student lockers; and resurfaced High School tennis courts.
- Capital Project Phase II - completed Fall 2008. Installed closed circuit cameras, fire alarms, and intercoms; replaced fuel oil tanks at all schools. Renovated High School cafeteria, auditorium, and exterior. Replaced roofs at Route 209 complex.
- Summer 2009 Renovation Projects - Replaced sidewalks, repaved parking lot, painted Middle School. Installed classroom safety locks and intrusion alarm system at Route 209 complex, a wireless scoreboard at Glennette Field, baseball/softball dugouts, refurbished High School library, and gymnasiums. Refinished floors.
- The \$11.5 million School Safety and Security Capital Project - approved by voters February 2010 - will address critical safety, security, and energy efficiency issues. Initial work includes window replacements at HBE and the Rt. 209 complex, and the installation of Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP).
- Summer 2010 - Replace Middle School gymnasium floor and refurbish HBE and ASK gym floors. Pave HBE parking lot. Add modular unit to Rt. 209 complex to house special education and students registration departments.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Created Port Jervis Educational Foundation.
- Western Orange County Coalition brings together City of Port Jervis, Town of Deerpark, Orange County Legislature, and Port Jervis School District to work on common goals.
- Launched District Web Site.
- School News Notifier system provides district families and community with e-mail and text alerts.
- Educational Access Station - Cable Channel 20
- Chamber of Commerce membership.
- Easter Seals pre-K program.
- Established Alumni Hall of Fame.
- Students/staff volunteer annually with the American Heart Association, Rotary, Take Back the Night, Scouts, Food Pantry, and other many other local organizations.

HEALTH and SAFETY

- Active safety teams in all schools.
- Security cameras and card entry systems in all schools.
- Consistent emergency drills followed in all buildings.
- Codes of Conduct define school rules and outline consequences for unacceptable behavior.
- Comprehensive health and wellness committee and policy.
- Emergency two-way radios, district wide.
- Full-time School Resource Officer.



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