

## 2008-09 Contract for Excellence

Port Jervis is one of 39 districts across New York State that has developed a "Contract for Excellence," which is a plan to spend additional state aid in targeted areas. These five targeted areas are:

- Class-size reduction
- Time-on-task
- Teacher and principal quality initiatives
- Middle/High School reform
- Full-day kindergarten/pre-kindergarten

**Below, you will find how the Port Jervis City School District plans to spend the additional state aid.** If you would like more information about the Contract for Excellence, please visit [www.nysed.gov](http://www.nysed.gov).

- One special education teacher - Middle School
- One teacher to provide AIS math instruction - Middle School
- Two teachers to enhance High School program
- One monitor - High School
- One AIS teacher - Elementary
- Two teachers to provide class-size reduction - Elementary
- Alternative Education enhancements - Twilight Program
- Textbooks for new High School programs
- Reading library books
- Mandarin Chinese course
- Elementary initiatives:
  - Video Reading Center
  - Microscopes
  - Enhance AR reading libraries
- Technology - new Elmos
- High School photography program enhancements:
  - Cameras, projectors, recorders
- Program enhancements - all schools
- Computer hardware

### **Conclusion**

We view the Contract for Excellence as a way for our district to provide opportunities to our children that they haven't been afforded in the past. We know what our kids need to succeed, but haven't had the resources to provide them.