

What is Contract for Excellence?

• The Contract for Excellence program was established in the 2007-08 school year as an accountability measure for school districts with at least one academically underperforming school and whose Foundation Aid growth was set to exceed certain thresholds.

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- The "contract amount" is a subset of Foundation Aid that a district must program toward specific uses as described in NYS Education Law § 211-d. Contract funds must predominantly benefit pupils with the greatest educational needs, including but not be limited to: •
- Economically disadvantaged students
- Students with disabilities
- English-language learners
- Students struggling with proficiency.

What are the steps to completing a Contract for Excellence?

- 1. Consult with stakeholder groups—Parents/Guardians, Teachers, Administrators (May-June)
- 2. Prepare and submit a DRAFT Contract (July)
- 3. Publicize proposed Contract for Excellence and post on District website for Public Comment Period (JulyAugust)
- 4. Post assessments of Public Comments, if any (August)
- 5. Submit FINAL Contract for Excellence to NYSED for review and approval, post Final Contract for Excellence and Public Comments on District website (August)

What type of expenditures comply?

- The law specifies six categories of allowable programs and activities:
 - 1. Class size reduction
 - 2. Increased time on task
 - 3. Teacher and principal quality initiatives
 - 4. Middle and high school restructuring
 - 5. Full-day pre-kindergarten and kindergarten
 - 6. Model programs for English language learners

What is Geneva's Contract Amount?

• The full phase-in of Foundation Aid increases the contract amounts significantly again for 2024-25. In consideration of the challenges districts may face in planning and programming the increased set-aside amounts in a single year, the Commissioner of Education has authorized a three-year contract increase phase-in: 20% in 2023-24, and 40% in both 2024-25 and 2025-26.

What is Geneva's Contract Amount?

- For 2024-25 \$6,892,137; and increase of \$3,451,657
- The approved minimum for 25-26 is \$7,732,005
- The approved minimum for 26-27 is \$8,571,873
- The approved minimum for 27-28 is \$9,411,741

What are our goals for 2024-25?

- PK-12 update of curriculum maps in all areas
- District wide focus on culturally relevant pedagogical practices and materials
- Continue PK-12 Focus on literacy instruction aligned with the science of reading
- District wide training and implementation of Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and the
 use of restorative practices to promote safety, respect, and responsibility among our
 students and in our schools.
- Our full narrative for the 2024-25 year will be available by August 1, 2024, on our website at: Genevacsd.org/site/departments/teaching & learning

Questions? • Thank you!