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Greater Amsterdam School District

Contract for Excellence

2026–2027 Public Hearing

Total C4E Allocation: \$10,178,397



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What is the Contract for Excellence (C4E)?

A New York State program — started in 2007-08 — that requires certain school districts to direct a portion of their Foundation Aid toward specific programs proven to raise student achievement.

GASD must program these funds as described in NYS Education Law §211-d.

This is a state mandate — not a local decision.

Funds must primarily benefit students with the greatest need:

- Students living in poverty
- Students with disabilities
- English language learners
- Students struggling with proficiency



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What Can C4E Funds Be Spent On?

State law specifies six allowable categories:

Class Size Reduction

Hire additional teachers & assistants to lower class sizes

Increased Time on Task

AIS teachers, ENL staff, Social Workers, Special Ed, Music Therapy

MS & HS Restructuring

Programs to improve outcomes at the secondary level

Full-Day Pre-K & K

Expand early childhood programming across the district

ELL Model Programs

Targeted programs specifically for English language learners

Teacher & Principal Quality

Coaches, mentors, professional development, APs, Principals



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GASD's 2026-27 C4E Allocation

\$10,178,397

2026–27 Contract for Excellence Total

+\$1,278,920

Increase from 2025-26 (\$8,899,477 last year)

GASD C4E — 5-Year Growth

22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26	26-27
\$2.5M	\$3.7M	\$4.9M	\$8.9M	\$10.2M



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How the State Directs C4E Funding to Schools

New York State law gives districts flexibility in how C4E funds are distributed — with one firm requirement:

50%

of our schools are
designated "neediest"
by New York State



75%

of total C4E funds must
be allocated to those
schools

GASD's 3 Neediest Schools:

Amsterdam High School

Lynch Literacy Academy

McNulty Elementary



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2026-27 C4E Funding Allocation by Building

**75% Rule: Met ✓**

Neediest 3 = 75.0% of funds

Building Name	Enrollment	% Econ. Disadv.	% Students w/ Disabilities	% ELLs	% Non-Proficient	26-27 Need Weight Calculation	2026-27 Allocation	% of Total	Designation
Amsterdam High School	1,211	67.05%	18.08%	6.28%	48.00%	1688	\$3,291,405	32.3%	★ Neediest
Lynch Literacy Academy	800	71.75%	16.88%	6.38%	72.84%	1343	\$2,618,695	25.7%	★ Neediest
McNulty Elementary	476	84.45%	14.08%	9.24%	77.88%	884	\$1,723,698	16.9%	★ Neediest
Barkley Elementary	290	68.97%	19.31%	8.28%	67.35%	475	\$631,167	6.2%	
Tecler Elementary	472	61.44%	22.03%	4.66%	66.50%	730	\$970,004	9.5%	
Marie Curie Elementary	437	80.55%	20.37%	9.15%	52.48%	710	\$943,428	9.3%	
TOTAL	3,686						\$10,178,397	100%	

Identified neediest schools per NYS C4E rules | Need data: NYSED 2024-25



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How GASD Uses C4E Funds

Time on Task

- AIS Math Teachers
- AIS Reading Teachers
- Alternative Ed Teachers
- ENL Teachers
- Social Workers
- Special Ed Teachers (6)
- Music Therapist

Class Size Reduction

- Additional classroom teachers
- Teacher Assistants

Teacher & Principal Quality

- Instructional Coaches
- Teacher Mentors
- Professional Development
- Assistant Principals
- Principals



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Required Steps to Complete the Contract for Excellence

1

Consult with stakeholders — parents, teachers, and administrators

2

Prepare and submit a DRAFT Contract to NYSED

3

Post proposed C4E on District website for Public Comment Period ← We are here tonight

4

Post assessments of any public comments received

5

Submit FINAL Contract for Excellence to NYSED for review and approval

6

Post FINAL Contract and all Public Comments on District website



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Accountability & Reporting Requirements

Annual Expenditure Report

GASD must submit a final expenditure report to NYSED each year documenting how every C4E dollar was spent.

Independent Auditor Certification

An independent auditor must certify that all C4E funds from the prior year were properly spent and accounted for.

Public Transparency

The draft and final C4E plans, plus all public comments, must be posted on the GASD website at www.gasd.org



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Comments, Suggestions & Questions

Your input helps shape how these funds are used to support our students.

District Website

www.gasd.org

Draft C4E Plan

Posted at www.gasd.org

NYSED C4E Info

p12.nysed.gov/mgtserv/C4E

Written comments may also be submitted to the District Office within the public comment period.