

## Stamford Public Schools Priority School District Grant (PSD)

*The PSD Grant provides funds for the following initiatives under the grant guidelines that are applicable to Stamford Public Schools:*

- The creation or expansion of innovative programs related to dropout prevention.
- Alternative and transitional programs for students having difficulty succeeding in traditional educational programs.
- Academic enrichment, tutorial and recreation programs or activities in school buildings during non-school hours and during the summer.
- Development or expansion of early reading intervention programs which include summer and after-school programming.
- Enhancement of the use of technology to support instruction or to improve parent and teacher communication.
- To strengthen parent involvement in the education of children and parent and other community involvement in school and school district programs, activities and educational policies.

*PSD-total allocation for 08-09: \$2,872,510:*

- Salaries for Literacy Support Specialists in 12 elementary schools and other salaries related to grants management, NCLB facilitation and family engagement.
- Bilingual Parent Facilitators at all schools K-12 to engage families of non English speaking students and assist schools to increase parent participation.
- Advancement Via Individualized Determination (AVID): a nationally recognized, structured program for middle and high school students to increase AP placement in High School and college readiness for selected students.
- College readiness opportunities for students at secondary schools.
- NCLB tutoring for non-Title I schools that have been identified as “in need of improvement”.
- Schools: allocations to schools K-12 for after school programs and professional development related to literacy, numeracy and technology.
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- High School Prep Academy (HSPA) a district program for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to facilitate transition into high school programs.
- Middle School Readiness Program (MSRA), a district Saturday program for 5<sup>th</sup> graders to facilitate transition into middle schools that has a strong family engagement component.
- After school programs including science enrichment through partnership with community based agencies.
- Advisories: WHS freshman advisories