

**ET Docket No. 00-258**

The Newburgh Enlarged City School District, Newburgh, New York, implores the FCC to protect and preserve the ITFS spectrum for educational purposes.

The Newburgh Enlarged City School District has an enrollment of 12,504 students and employs 1,042 teachers. The District has been broadcasting on two ITFS channels since 1966.

Every classroom and most administrative offices in the District's eighteen school buildings are cabled to receive television service on the ITFS system.

The ITFS system has served Newburgh students daily for thirty-five years with televised instructional programming in all curriculum areas on all grade levels.

The ITFS system is used to disseminate instructional, health and safety, in-service and informational programming to our students, faculty and staff. The system has been used by Superintendents to address the entire school district at the touch of a button. The entire faculty and staff can receive information simultaneously without bringing them to one central location.

The District invested a quarter of a million dollars in the system in 1966 and has continued to invest in it by continually upgrading the transmitters, towers, antennas, cable systems and television receivers in the classrooms.

Typical teacher comments about the instructional power and importance of our use of television include:

"Using a news magazine show format, the Foreign Language Department produced a show highlighting their department's offerings of Japanese, Italian, French and Sign Language."

"It is used to in-service teachers interested in outdoor education and to prepare students for a water quality study."

"The language skills, the organizing and planning skills, and the technical skills children learn from these experiences are invaluable. Yet, equally important aspects of broadcasting student productions are the shared moments that unite a school. Moments that create powerful feelings of accomplishment and pride."

"These programs are coordinated to enhance our regular lessons and are very valuable."

"... is a must have for first grade. It reinforces letters and sounds and encourages choral singing and community."

"... is a plus for introducing books that would not be included in our classroom program. The ... format offers a different venue for the literature."

The ITFS channels are used exclusively by the Newburgh Enlarged City School District. We do not lease air time or tower space to anyone.

Hans R. Hansen  
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