**Background and Experience**

Our school is located in the industrial town Jastrzębie-Zdrój, wich is located in the very south of Poland, in the region of Upper Silesia.

We are a primary school, there are altogether 220 students attending our school, the pupils are between 6-13 years old. 24 teachers are employed at our school.

The economic background of our town and environment is dominated by coal mining industry, which has faced serious problems in the recent decades. Owing to the world crisis in coal mining branch and drastic lowering of coal prices at world stock exchanges the most important employer in our town JSW ( Jastrzębie Coal Company ) Is in dire straits. The Company’s leaders decided to impose drastic and extreme measures to sustain the credibility of the firm. It resulted in the dramatic strike actions last year and the violent rionts in the town in the wake of strikes. Lots of our families are facing the menace of impoverishment and considerable lowering of middle class incomes.

In our school there are students who present a wide range of social backgrounds. There are well-to-do families and the families which are social welfare recipients . The estimated number of the students from social disadvantaged families are approximately 7%.. They live in the social blocks of flats. It often happens to them not to complete their primary education. The negative impact of the environment in which they live results in many social and pedagogical problems of these students. Their self-assessment and self-confidence is very low, a serious problem of these students is truancy.

A considerable percentage of our pupils are the students with special needs. More than 29% of all our students have the opinion of different sorts of educational needs. There are the pupils with ADHD syndrome, Asperger disorder, dyslexia malfunctinon and other social and educational disorders.

Our school is equipped with different ICT facilities. In every classroom there is a laptop and an interactive whiteboard. But the recent evaluation discovered the fact that all these items aren’t properly and effectively used by the teachers and students.