



Executive Summary

Pembroke Lakes Elementary School

Broward County School District

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Introduction

Every school has its own story to tell. The context in which teaching and learning takes place influences the processes and procedures by which the school makes decisions around curriculum, instruction, and assessment. The context also impacts the way a school stays faithful to its vision. Many factors contribute to the overall narrative such as an identification of stakeholders, a description of stakeholder engagement, the trends and issues affecting the school, and the kinds of programs and services that a school implements to support student learning.

The purpose of the Executive Summary (ES) is to provide a school with an opportunity to describe in narrative form the strengths and challenges it encounters. By doing so, the public and members of the school community will have a more complete picture of how the school perceives itself and the process of self-reflection for continuous improvement. This summary is structured for the school to reflect on how it provides teaching and learning on a day to day basis.

Description of the School

Describe the school's size, community/communities, location, and changes it has experienced in the last three years. Include demographic information about the students, staff, and community at large. What unique features and challenges are associated with the community/communities the school serves?

Pembroke Lakes Elementary School is located in Broward County, Florida. It is an elementary school that provides a full K-5 education. The school is located in a relatively middle socio-economic area surrounded by a city park (C.B Smith Park), Memorial Hospital, Pembroke Lakes Mall and housing developments. The school has one administrative building with classrooms, and an annex (portables), a separate structure which houses special area classes. Currently, the school serves 615 students in grades K-5. In addition, Pembroke Lakes Elementary School has special education classes with the goal of mainstreaming these students into the general education classrooms. PLE population is comprised of Whites (17%), African-Americans (17%), Hispanics (61%), Asians (3%) and multiracial (2%). The percentage of students who received Free or Reduced Lunch (FRL) rose from 53% in 2013 to 54% in 2016.

The personnel of the school consists of 41 instructional staff, 26 non-instructional staff, and two administrators. Over 99% of the instructional staff meet the No Child Left Behind criteria for Highly Qualified status. There is a strong support for staff employed to serve the academic, social, and general welfare of all the students.

For the past three years, the school has earned an "A" rating from the State of Florida based on the Florida Comprehensive Achievement Test (FCAT and FSA). This success is due in part to the school's goal to increase students' performance by utilizing modern technology, establishing learning communities for all stakeholders, and providing personalized educational experiences for students in grades K-5. The school implements the Florida State Standards to prepare students for the state standardized assessments. The school follows all state mandates, district initiatives, and local school board policies. Disaggregated data is used continuously to evaluate the effectiveness of the various educational programs, to support teaching and learning, and to communicate documented results to all stakeholders. Parents and families are highly involved in the school.

School's Purpose

Provide the school's purpose statement and ancillary content such as mission, vision, values, and/or beliefs. Describe how the school embodies its purpose through its program offerings and expectations for students.

Pembroke Lakes Elementary School vision, as a community, is to cultivate character and foster life-long learning through a challenging educational experience in a safe environment.

It is the school's purpose to prepare students for College and Career Readiness. Our school's mission is to prepare students to succeed in a global society by providing a personalized and rigorous curriculum through excellence in teaching. PLE believes that all students are to be treated with dignity and respect and have the right to learn, grow, and maximize their full potential. All students should be educated in a safe and nurturing environment and be provided with a well-rounded and rigorous curriculum. Collaboration among all stakeholders is vital in meeting the individual needs of all students. A highly qualified staff is directly related to student success.

Community, character and a rigorous curriculum is the cornerstone of Pembroke Lakes Elementary School. Character education is paramount in the PLE mission. Programs such as Red Ribbon Week, and Kids of Character provide students with the foundation to make decisions about how others should be treated and received. The school has a chorus consisting of 60+ members. The chorus perform multiple times each year, which enhance the feel of the community.

PLE adheres to a research-based curriculum aligned with the Florida State Standards. These standards set forth clearly defined expectations for student learning and provide a measure of accountability for student achievement. To ensure that curriculum is aligned to state standards and the school's vision and mission, teachers are provided with various in-house, county training such as Robert Marzano's scales, the Florida State Standards, and Differentiated Instruction. Additionally, teachers collaborate through ongoing Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) which are data-driven and focused on a standards-based curriculum.

The school improvement plan is developed to identify areas of strengths and weaknesses based on student data. This plan outlines strategies, resources, and professional development that specifically address the needs of all students.

Pembroke Lakes Elementary School meets the needs of varying types of learners and exceptionalities. For students performing below grade level, additional support is provided through the Response to Intervention/Instruction (RTI) process, Progress Monitoring Plans (PMP), small group intensive intervention, computer assisted instruction, and supplemental academic support beyond the school day.

PLE is committed to providing a rigorous curriculum educating the whole child to maximize his or her academic, personal, and social development. Through a collaborative process among stakeholders, the school prepares students for success in school and beyond the 21st century.

Notable Achievements and Areas of Improvement

Describe the school's notable achievements and areas of improvement in the last three years. Additionally, describe areas for improvement that the school is striving to achieve in the next three years.

Pembroke Lakes Elementary School continues to strive for excellence by maintaining its "A" rating.

The success of Pembroke Lakes Elementary School is measured by the high standardized test scores that increase every year despite the constant changes in format and assessment scoring. This is due to the committed effort of staff members who participate in Professional Learning Communities. Our long term goal is to maintain and increase our standardized test scores in reading and math.

Pembroke Lakes Elementary School is proud of the implementation of Digital 5, 4, and 3 blended curriculum model which emphasizes direct instruction and technology-based instruction in core subject areas, while offering intensive intervention for struggling learners in reading and math.

At PLE we want to increase parental involvement in school events to at least 50%. All parent involvement activities will include engaging activities that offer opportunities to learn about student achievement and available resources. According to the Parent Customer Survey data, school to home communication continues to be a need. As a result, for the 2015-16 school year, "Remind Me" text messaging tool is available for parents and teachers, weekly call outs, and routine updates on the school website have been continued to increase communication between home and school.

Pembroke Lakes Elementary School will improve attendance by decreasing the percentage of students with chronic absenteeism to 7.9%.

Additional Information

Provide any additional information you would like to share with the public and community that were not prompted in the previous sections.

The school offers extracurricular activities and clubs that give students opportunities to learn beyond the classroom walls. The clubs assist in developing cognitive, social, and behavioral skills that build integrity, self-esteem, and a sense of belonging. Examples include:

Extended learning opportunities

Safety Patrols

Chorus/Band

Environmental Club

Computer Club

Read and Ride Book Club

Student Council

Math Club

Educational Field Trips

Pelican Pals

PLE Morning Show

In addition, PLE invites the community to offer additional educational programs that add to an already enriched school curriculum. The school houses programs such as the following: (1) America Reads Tutors, (2) Urban Teacher Academy Program, (3) Pines Police Department Student of the Month, (4) Water Safety for kindergarten students, and (5) Pelican Fun Run.

Pembroke Lakes Elementary School was one of five school selected as a \$10,000 grant recipient from BJ's & General Mills in 2015.