**Executive Summary**

**Lloyd Estates Elementary**

**2018-2019**

**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?**

Lloyd Estates Elementary is located in the heart of a local Oakland Park neighborhood. The City of Oakland Park is one of the oldest municipalities in Broward County. It covers over 8 square miles, and approximately 43,000 people call Oakland Park home. Our school serves 524 students from PreK to Grade 5. Our school population is predominantly made up of minorities with 49% Hispanic and 45% Black with 92% of our students eligible for free or reduced lunch. Our faculty is equally diverse with 42% Black, 22% Hispanic, 30% White and 3% Asian.

In addition to our Digital 5 Program, we are a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) District Innovative Program School. We aim to prepare our students for a rapidly changing world by equipping them with critical thinking skills, the ability to use resources and technology effectively, while fostering a respect for core values such as honesty, loyalty and compassion.

Our community takes pride in our school. We partner with many of our local businesses and organizations, such as McDonalds, Wal-Mart, BJ's Wholesale Club, Dunkin Donuts, PNC Bank, TD Bank, Valic, and Olive Garden. Our local Kiwanis and Rotary Club are also very active on our campus and their members regularly volunteer at our events alongside our parents and staff. Each quarter, the Sun Sentinel recognizes many students through the Terrific Kid award program.

Our school is part of a close-knit community since many of our faculty and staff members' children have attended Lloyd Estates Elementary, or are themselves Lloyd Estates alumni. Many of our staff members are bi-lingual and can effectively communicate with our parents in Spanish and Haitian Creole.

**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.**

Our school's mission is to develop well-rounded creative thinkers and problem solvers with the strength of character to serve as productive members of society. We are driven by a set of core beliefs outlined in our staff handbook. One of our core beliefs is that "We believe that it is our responsibility to enable students to succeed and become the best they can be", as such, we have ongoing programs such as the STEM Academy. Our STEM Academy days occur on Early Release Days when all students from PreK to grade 5 take part in STEM activities enabling them to use their problem solving and creativity skills to make the world a better place.

All of our students in grades 3 & 4 have access to Lenovo Thinkpads. Students in grades K-2 have access to technology in our lab and in their classrooms. Throughout our journey, we continue to focus on our core beliefs in order to ensure that our students are continuously involved in projects designed to nurture their 21st Century skills.

**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.**

We have made many strides as a school. We began with the implementation of our STEM program. We use a series of intervention strategies and resources to meet the needs of our struggling learners, such as LLI (Leveled Literacy Intervention Program). This program is sponsored by our District's Literacy Department and has a proven track record in closing the achievement gap in reading.

## One of our recent notable achievements is the Robotics Club. The robotics club allows our students to meet and work with other kids at school while creating the software, hardware, and everything else that goes into making a robot. Additionally, we recently added a Green Club in which the students will participate in a green community project in partnership with Rickards Middle School to create environmental awareness in their community. The SAVE Promise Club is also a new district initiative that enables the students to show leadership skills by protecting their friends, schools and communities from violence before it happens.

We continue to strive to improve our reading achievement scores. Currently, 47% of our students in grades 3-5 are proficient as indicated by the 2018 Florida Standard Assessment. We want to increase our student proficiency in reading across the grade levels. However, with programs such as the Walk to Read program, the implementation of LLI in the primary grades, regular classroom reading intervention, and daily guided small group reading instruction, we were able to make progress in the area of reading. Additional programs such as our after school ESOL camp continue to benefit our students and provide additional instructional time in reading.

In the next three years we want to improve our students' reading and math achievement and increase our school letter grade to a “B”. As we close the achievement gap, our phonics instruction will be incorporated into our daily reading block. We also anticipate full implementation of the LLI program in grades K-2.

**Additional Information**

Our school focuses on the needs of our students. Stakeholders such as parents and community members continue to be active through our PTO. Organizations such as the local Kiwanis also provide for the less fortunate through the Backpack Feeding Program. In addition, they help feed many families during the holiday season.

Everglades Elementary, a Broward County school located in Parkland, Florida, has adopted our school six years ago. Each year, they deliver gifts for all of our boys and girls. We take pride in partnering with other Broward Elementary schools! Additionally, all stakeholders collaborate to offer monthly parental involvement activities such as: ESOL Training Nights, Math-O-Ween Night, Family Literacy Night, Family Science Night, Scoop & "Surv", Family Math Night at Publix, and the Winter and Spring Music Program.

We also team up to offer additional programs such as Acaletics, Green Club, and our reading challenge to encourage student involvement in math and reading for enjoyment. The PTO and our partners assist by providing well-deserved incentives to motivate our students to reach their full potential.