



Executive Summary

Pembroke Pines Elementary School

Broward County Public Schools

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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 Pines Elementary is a Pre-K-5 public school with approximately 591 students. It is located in east Pembroke Pines. It is a Title 1 school, with approximately 82% of students qualifying for free/reduced lunch (which is an increase of 15% in the last 3 years). Student demographic information is: Ethnicity - 40% Black, 37% Hispanic, 15% White, 5% Asian, 3% Other. 16% of students are ELL and speak Spanish. 8% of students qualify for ESE, and we have 5 classes for students with autism. Seventeen teachers/staff have advanced degrees, three teachers are Nationally Board Certified, and three teachers have written and received grants in the 2015/2016 school year. Nineteen teachers are bilingual and speak English and Spanish. Pembroke Pines Elementary participates in the Free Breakfast For All Students program. One of our challenges is the growing number of charter schools in our area, with a loss of about 40 students over the last two years. We offer tours to prospective parents and students to showcase our strong academic foundation and safe and friendly environment.

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.

The mission of Pembroke Pines Elementary School is to serve the students, staff, and community by: providing a quality education; instilling the love of learning; and preparing students for the future. School Motto - We Treasure All Students

Each year PPE holds positive behavior assemblies to set forth the expectations for all students both in the classroom and throughout the school. Students are introduced to Administration and Support Staff members. The community is informed of school events through our monthly Pirate Gram newsletter and Parentlink automated calls. Student Achievement is recognized with quarterly honor roll assemblies, Character Trait monthly winners, and Title I Family Night events.

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 Pines Elementary has earned the "Golden School Award" and "5 Star Award" for its high-quality education, increased parental involvement, involved community partnerships, and effective Parent-Teacher Association. Our School Improvement (SIP) goal is to increase the number of proficient readers. By June 2019, 85% or more of our students will meet the proficiency level for reading (4th quarter on-level criteria). By June 2019, 62% of students in grades 3-5 will demonstrate proficiency on the 2019 FSA. By June 2019, 62% of students in grades K-2 will score a 62% or higher on the end of year primary tests. Our school has increased to a B rated school, based on performance on the 2017/2018 FSA.

Our school would like to retain and attract new students with our special programs and high standards. Pembroke Pines Elementary is a Digital 4 and Digital 5 school. This program allows each student to have a personal laptop to enhance their learning experiences. All of our classrooms are digital learning classrooms.

Additional Information

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

Our school is student-centered. We provide our students an academic-rich environment with enrichment activities and specials. We attend to our student's social-emotional and exceptional needs. Parents and community members are highly encouraged to attend our monthly PTA, SAC/SAF and Title 1 events. We believe that our school is an extension of the community and our family's households. We have activities throughout the year for students and families to attend outside of school hours such as: Publix Math Night, Barnes and Noble Night, The Dan Marino Walk for Autism, and Scholastic Family Book Fair events. We have involved parents in our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and community partnerships. Partnerships with area businesses include: Papa Johns, Galaxy Skateway, and Publix Supermarkets. We continually look for ideas to foster strong school and community relationship. We are committed to being the best school in Pembroke Pines, Florida.