

## **Executive Summary**

# Pembroke Lakes 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 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 CB Smith Park, Memorial West Hospital, and Pembroke Lakes Mall. The school has one administrative building with classrooms and portable classrooms. Currently, our school serves 682 students in grades K-5. In addition, Pembroke Lakes Elementary School has four special program classes that provide accommodating environments to meet students' needs. Pembroke Lakes population is comprised of 18%Whites, 15% African-Americans, 62% Hispanics, 2% Asian, 3% Multiracial and 55% of students receive Free or Reduced Lunch.

The personnel of the school consists of 47 instructional staff members, 23 non-instructional staff and two administrators. There is a strong support for staff employed to serve the academic, social, and general welfare of all the students. The school implements the Florida State Standards to ensure students are college and career ready. 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 stakeholder. Parents and families are highly involved in school matters.

For 15 years, Pembroke Lakes has earned an "A" rating from the State of Florida based on the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA). This success is due in part to the school's goal to increase student performance by utilizing modern technology, establishing learning communities for all stakeholders, and providing personalized educational experiences for students in grades K-5. Pembroke Lakes was recognized as a global leader in successful integration of technology with teaching and learning.

As a Microsoft School, we are part of an exclusive community of more than 1,000 premier schools from around the world. As well as being recognized on a global scale for our innovative approach to educating tomorrow's workforce, we receive additional collaboration opportunities with other schools around the world, access to professional development opportunities, access to Microsoft Innovative Educators Experts (MIE Experts) on staff to help drive innovation in rethinking teaching, learning and assessments with the intent to drive deep 21st century competencies.

#### **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's vision is to provide quality education that empowers students today, with the necessary tools to communicate and collaborate effectively in order to solve problems and become successful lifelong learners. It is the school's purpose to prepare students to succeed in a global society by providing a challenging educational experience, a safe learning environment and personalized, rigorous curriculum through excellence in teaching. PLE believes that all students are to be treated with respect and compassion. Teachers also have the responsibility to meet students where they are and assist them successfully meet their goals in order to reach their full potential. Collaboration among all stakeholders is vital in meeting the individual needs of all students.

Community and character are the cornerstone of Pembroke Lakes Elementary School. Character Education is paramount in the PLE mission. Programs such as Digital Citizenship Week, Red Ribbon Week, Anti-Bullying Week and Kids of Character provide students with the foundation to make decisions about how others should be treated.

Pembroke Lakes Elementary School meets the needs of varying types of learners and exceptionalities. Additional support is provided for students performing below grade level, through the Response to Intervention (Rtl) process. Progress Monitoring Plans (PMPs), small group intensive interventions, computer assisted instruction and supplemental academic support beyond the school day.

PLE is committed to create a collaborative and critical-thinking environment, driven by technology and communication, in order to prepare our students for success in tomorrow's world.

#### **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. The success of our school is due to the committed effort of staff members who participate in various professional learning development opportunities including Faculty Meetings and Professional Learning Communities.

Pembroke Lakes is proud to be named a Microsoft School and receive recognition for the innovative ways technology is integrated into instruction. Blended learning models are currently in place for second through fifth grades. This model emphasizes personalized learning by differentiating the pace, place and path students access as they learn.

As a school, our focus is on continuous improvement in using varied levels of depth of knowledge during questioning, utilizing data to drive instruction, implementing appropriate interventions to close learning gaps, providing students with feedback, implementing knowledge acquired from professional development and ensuring assessments are aligned to the rigor of the standards.

#### **Additional Information**

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

In order to accomplish our mission and to address the needs and interests of the whole child, we attend to the social and emotional well-being of our students, and provide many extracurricular activity opportunities including: Chorus, Math Club, Student Leadership Council, Environmental Club, Safety Patrol, and Computer Science Club. Our weekly specials include Art, Music, Media and Physical Education. In addition, our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) conducts many exciting family events throughout the year.