



## Executive Summary for Bennett Elementary School

The Executive Summary (ES) provides the school an opportunity to describe in narrative form its vision as well as strengths and challenges within the context of continuous improvement. Use this template to complete the responses to the various questions below. The responses should be brief, descriptive, and appropriate for the specific section.

### Description

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?

Bennett Elementary is a "True Landmark," nestled in Poinsettia Heights, one of the oldest neighborhoods in the city of Fort Lauderdale. Bennett Elementary opened its doors in 1952 and has been providing a quality public school education for our students for the past 69 years. Bennett is a traditional "neighborhood school" that offers the Innovative Cambridge Program. The school's friendly family climate attracts students from neighboring communities in Fort Lauderdale through reassignment. Bennett is part of the Fort Lauderdale Innovation Zone that includes seven elementary schools that feed Sunrise Middle School and Fort Lauderdale High School. Bennett Elementary is one of two elementary schools in Fort Lauderdale that has the Innovative Cambridge Program. In addition to our K-5 Innovative Cambridge Program, we also offer Special Programs - ESE Cluster for Intellectually Disabled (InD) students. Students who qualify for this program and who reside in the Fort Lauderdale Innovation Zone boundary are eligible to attend Bennett with bus transportation provided. We promote our Title 1 Compact and provide activities that support our families. These events are filled with valuable activities that support parents' understanding of how to assist their children in the areas of reading and math. Throughout the school year, our students engage in activities and projects that promote diversity, equity, and independence. We sponsor family nights that promote our academic programs and innovative ways our parents can support their children. Through the Joint-Use Park Project, Bennett was gifted a new playground and basketball court in 2021. We currently are in the process of planning school facility improvements through the SMART Bond Project.

## 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 Mission

The mission of Bennett Elementary School is to prepare our students for lifelong learning by cultivating a culture that encourages our students and staff to be reflective, innovating, confident, engaged and responsible. Our students will achieve academic excellence through these core principles. Bennett Students will be prepared to tackle the demands of the world and capable of shaping a better future.

### Our Values

At Bennett all students will learn when their individual needs are met. Learning is a lifelong process. Every student has a right to a high-quality educational option. Engaged families combined with highly effective teachers and school leaders are the core components of a successful school. Positive character education is essential to whole child development. The diversity of our community is valuable and must be embraced. Students must be prepared as innovative thinkers and responsible citizens to engage in a global economy. High-Quality customer service is a critical component of high-quality education. Positive stakeholder involvement enhances student achievement. Everyone must be held to the highest ethical standards to achieve excellence. Everyone must contribute to and be held accountable for student achievement. An equitable education provides all necessary resources to meet student needs. Bennett is a family working together to educate our students both in academics and character which we believe is the true goal of education.

## 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.

Our school's notable achievements and areas of improvement in the last three years, stem from the implementation and collaborative practice of our Common Formative Assessments with Collaborative Data Conversations and the implementation of our Walk-To-Read intervention/enrichment program. With this, we are monitoring our students' academic gains. Areas of improvement we strive to achieve in the next three years is improving our students' proficiency and continue our academic gain through monitoring student progress.

## **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 embodies its purpose through many programs allowing students to thrive by being active in Student Government, Safety Patrol, Special Olympics, and Debate. Students have the opportunity to excel in both academics and extracurricular activities. Bennett offers the Innovative Cambridge program. This program is a part of the Innovation Zone feeder pattern.