



Executive Summary for Tropical Elementary

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?

Tropical Elementary is in Plantation, Florida and is situated in a middle-class community. Tropical houses 728 students, which included Pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. Tropical has a Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) specialized program (PK-5) that consists of 30 students. Our student/parent demographic population is 30% White, 21.3% Black, 39.7% Hispanic, .05% Multi-racial, and .03% Asian. There are roughly an equal percentage of males and females at Tropical Elementary School with 47% females and 53% males forming the student body. Tropical employs 85 faculty members, which include 36 instructional staff members. The median household income in the city of Plantation is \$87,077 per year. Tropical is no longer a Title 1 school. We lost 4 paid positions due to this drop in funding. We are hoping to regain this in the future. As a SAC committee, we are encouraging all families to apply for free and reduced lunch.

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.

School's Purpose: Tropical Elementary's purpose is to provide our students with a safe and nurturing educational setting that allows all our students to reach their full academic potential. Our Vision: Educating today's students to succeed in tomorrow's world. Our Mission: Tropical Elementary, in partnership with parents and the community, is to ensure an optimum learning environment, which sets high expectations and enables all students to reach their

maximum potential. Tropical Elementary is dedicated to teaching all students at a high level of rigor through active learning which challenges students to work and think critically and creatively and communicate effectively in order to achieve academic success. We emphasize high expectations for all students through differentiated instruction, which targets all levels of academic proficiency through intensive remediation and/or enrichment activities. Tropical provides a variety of programs (Pre-kindergarten, General Education, Varied Exceptionalities, ESE Services, Guidance, DHH, Gifted, Pull-out/Push-in and intervention groups) to meet the academic and social needs of all students. Tropical is committed to working in conjunction with our parents, partners, and community members to ensure educational success for all our students.

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.

The following are notable achievements within the past three years: • Tropical's school grade is an A. • Golden School Award recognizing exemplary volunteerism • Teacher Directed Improvement Fund Teacher Grants - approximately 7 teachers awarded each year • Broward Education Foundation IMPACT II Teacher Grants, approximately 10 teachers each of the past three years • Broward Education Foundation Disseminator and Teacher Grants 3-5 teachers each of the past three years • Plantation Fire Prevention Poster and Essay Contest Winners each year. • Wildflower/Butterfly Garden Grant • Tropical is commended each year by the American Cancer Society and American Heart Association for being one of the top local schools who support their education and fundraising efforts

Additional Information

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

We, at Tropical Elementary, pride ourselves at being an exemplary community school. The faculty and staff provide a welcoming and nurturing learning environment for all of our students. Additionally, our stakeholders (parents, family members, community members, local business owners, etc.) are extremely supportive and are an integral part of Tropical's success. Academically, teachers are very proactive in identifying student learning needs early on to

provide high quality instruction, enrichment and/or remediation when necessary. A variety of interventions are implemented with fidelity to narrow the achievement gap for our struggling students.