



## Executive Summary for Pembroke Lakes 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?

*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. The school has one administrative building with classrooms and portable classrooms. Currently, our school serves approximately 600 students in grades K-5. In addition, Pembroke Lakes Elementary School has two special program classes that provide accommodating environments to meet students' needs. Pembroke Lakes population is comprised of 22% White, 16% African American, 58% Hispanics, 3% Asian, 1% Multiracial, 1% Native American, and 38% of students receive Free or Reduced Lunch. The personnel of the school consist of 43 instructional staff members, 19 non-instructional staff and two administrators.*

*There is strong emphasis on serving the academic, social, and general welfare of all the students. The school implements the Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) 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 stakeholders. Parents and families are highly involved in school matters.*

*For 21 years, Pembroke Lakes has earned an "A" rating from the State of Florida. 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 has been recognized as a global leader in successful integration of technology with teaching and learning. As a Microsoft Showcase 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, and develop Microsoft Innovative Educators Experts (MIEEs) on staff to help drive innovation in rethinking teaching, learning and assessments with the intent to drive deep 21st century competencies.*

## **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. We meet students where they are as they are with anywhere, any way learning. Teachers are responsible for assisting students in successfully meeting 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 PLE's mission. Programs and activities such as Peace Week, Start with Hello, Digital Citizenship Week, Red Ribbon Week, Anti-Bullying Week, Kids of Character, and Rethink ED 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 (RtI) process, Progress Monitoring Plans (PMPs), small group intensive interventions, foundational reading classes, computer assisted instruction, and supplemental academic support beyond the school day. PLE is committed to creating 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 is proud to be named a Microsoft Showcase School and receive recognition for the innovative ways technology is integrated into instruction. Blended learning models are currently in place for all students in kindergarten through fifth grade. This model emphasizes personalized learning by differentiating the pace, place, and path students' access. The success of our school is due to the consistent, committed effort of faculty members who participate in various professional learning development opportunities including Faculty Meetings and Professional Learning Communities.*

*Pembroke Lakes is also proud to be a Cambridge School. As a Cambridge School, we are part of the global Cambridge community, offering a rigorous and internationally recognized academic program. The Cambridge program emphasizes critical thinking, inquiry-based learning, and academic rigor. Our students develop a deep understanding of subjects and are encouraged to become confident, responsible, reflective, innovative, and engaged learners.*

*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: Chess, Chorus, Debate Team, Drama Club, Enrichment Masters Program, Game Day Club, Math Club, Pelican Pals, PLETV, Safety Patrol, Students Against Violence Everyday (SAVE) Promise Club, Student Leadership Council. Our weekly specials include Music, Media, STEAM, and Physical Education. In addition, our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) conducts many exciting family events throughout the year. Our PTA received the National PTA School of Excellence distinction in recognition of their best practices in family engagement to strengthen family-school partnerships.*