



Executive Summary

Northside Elementary School

Harrison County

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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?

Northside Elementary is a small rural school located about 3 miles north of Cynthiana, which is on US HWY 27 N between Lexington and Cincinnati, OH. We are a Title I school with about 73% of our students qualifying for F/R lunch, as more and more of our families are struggling financially. Again this year, we are able to offer FREE breakfast and lunch to all students. Recently, we are seeing more families being affected by the use of drug. We have more students in foster care and/or living with grandparents than ever before. Currently, our school serves 324 students (K-5). Our community is not growing economically and our enrollment continues to fluctuate.

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 Statement for Northside Elementary is;

"We, the staff of Northside Elementary School, are

dedicated to educating the whole child, intellectually, socially, morally, and physically."

Instruction for reading, math, social studies, etc. is based on the Common Core Standards.

Our SB council and staff work together with others from the district to determine which reading and math programs we want to use for basic instruction.

We have a faculty meeting once a month do discuss instruction and student performance. The principal meets with grade level teachers once a month to discuss student performance.

The principal meets once a month with the superintendent, assistant superintendent, chief academic officer, and instructional coaches to discuss teacher performance and student performance.

We have high expectations for all students, regardless of their backgrounds and home environments.

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.

Northside is a professional learning community and we strive to improve student performance and success. Within the last 4 years, we have improved our Rtl program. We have adopted the Journeys reading series for reading and Envisions math program and are implementing them to their fullest extent. We have continued to have a 90 minute reading block every day.

We have strong library program that supports the ELA standards. Every year, our district hosts a "Battle of the Books" among the 4 elementary schools. Northside continues to have a very strong competitive team.

For the past 4 years, we have had an Academic team. Last year and this year, we have a Governor's Cup team.

We have an after school Drama Club. The program gives several children the opportunity to perform in front of a live audience. They learn about props, costumes, set design, props, etc. This year's performance with "Aladdin". One of their public performances will be a dinner theater.

This is our second year to have a Cross Country Running Club. We had about 40 students who stayed weekly and then competed with the surrounding elementaries a couple of times.

This year, we are offering an after school Art Club. This is one way students can show their talents and be creative.

We offer an STLP program for students to learn more about technology and how it is used in the real world.

Within the next 2 years, we would like to be consistently listed as a Proficient School.

For the next 3 years, areas for improvement;

- * Student Performance to Proficiency in all Core subjects
- * Gap Reduction
- * Novice Reduction
- * Use of TPGES

Additional Information

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

All staff at Northside Elementary truly care about our students and their educational successes.

We promote reading and reading comprehension via the use of AR. Our library holds monthly contests among grade levels.

Monday through Thursday, we offer an after school tutoring program for students. We focus on reading and math. We, also, offer 2 hours of tutoring one evening per week in the small community of Berry.

In March, we celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss by inviting in guest readers and retired teachers to come and share the importance of reading.

Every year, we offer a Family Literacy Night for parents to come and enjoy the evening with their children.

Our students face many family/home challenges, including parental drug use, poverty, neglect, etc.

We have monthly PTO meetings and monthly SB meetings,

We will continue to work together to engage students in learning and to improve student performance.