

## **NEW HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SIP 2013-14 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

New Heights Elementary School has 823 students grades Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup>, two administrators, 82 teachers, and 46 staff members. The mission of New Heights Elementary is to provide an environment that meets the needs of our students through staff development, family involvement and community resources.

To accomplish this mission, New Heights has the following Goals:

- 1) Increase % of students scoring at proficiency in Reading by 20 points. Increase the number of students scoring at proficiency from 42% proficiency to 62% proficiency on FCAT;
- 2) Increase % of students scoring at proficiency in Writing by 10 points. Increase the number of students scoring at proficiency from 44% proficiency to 54% proficiency on FCAT;
- 3) Increase % of students scoring at proficiency in Math by 10 points. Increase the number of students scoring at proficiency from 37% proficiency to 47% proficiency on FCAT;
- 4) Increase the Reading scores of our Black/African American students to 48% achieving at level 3 or above on FCAT
- 5) Increase the Mathematics scores of our Black/African students to 42% achieving at or above level 3 on the FCAT.
- 6) Reduce the number and percent of discipline incidents for each student subgroup by 50% and
- 7) Increase parent involvement participation by 30% representing 50% of our parent population.

The core instructional strategies included in our action plans are: providing in-class modeling and coaching on a weekly basis with a district or school-based coach during instruction time; utilizing data to differentiate and scaffold instruction; using research-based strategies in core instruction (e.g., 5E, Gradual Release, Text Dependent Questioning, Collaboration, Close Reads, Champs/PBS, problem-solving and thinking strategies).

The professional development efforts include the use of the literacy team to train and guide teachers in differentiating and scaffolding instruction, district trainings including LLI and science units of study.

The parent involvement efforts are a challenge for our school as many parents work during the school day. As a strategy to increase parent participation, the school is hosting monthly evening meetings featuring student led conferencing, parent academies with featured speakers, and make and take reading, science and math trainings.

For more information about New Heights' School Improvement Plan, please go to our website at [www.newheights-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us](http://www.newheights-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us)