**Executive Summary of Garrison-Jones’ School Improvement Plan**

Garrison-Jones Elementary School has 694 students grades Pre-K to 5th, two administrators, 63 teachers, and 43 staff members. The mission **of Garrison-Jones Elementary is** we believe that the purpose of education is to develop the whole child through a broad based curriculum, a positive self-concept, creativity, and self-discipline, values and life skills.

To accomplish this mission, Garrison-Jones Elementary has 5 Goals:

**Goal 1** – To increase student performance in mathematics we will deepen the conceptual understanding of mathematical concepts. By obtaining this goal we will be able to increase student performance to 70% from 50%. ***This goal is aligned to the Pinellas County School Districts School Improvement Plan Goal 1- Increase Student Achievement, and Goal 2 Ensure Curriculum and Instruction Engages Learner.***

**Goal 2**— Implementation of Reading and Writing across all areas of the curriculum to increase student performance in all content areas. By obtaining this goal we will be able to increase student performance to 75% from 59%. ***This goal is aligned to the Pinellas County School Districts School Improvement Plan Goal 1- Increase Student Achievement, and Goal 2 Ensure Curriculum and Instruction Engages Learner.***

**Goal 3:**Implementation of Writing across all areas of the curriculum to increase student performance in all content areas. By obtaining this goal we will be able to increase student performance in not only writing, but also the other content areas taught. ***This goal is aligned to the Pinellas County School Districts School Improvement Plan Goal 1- Increase Student Achievement, and Goal 2 Ensure Curriculum and Instruction Engages Learner.***

**Goal 4:** This implementation of writing and journaling in science to help students increase their performance and understanding of science concepts. By obtaining this goal we will be able to continue increased student performance from a growth of 12% in 2013-2014 to 25% in 2014-2015 on the Florida State Science Assessment. . ***This goal is aligned to the Pinellas County School Districts School Improvement Plan Goal 1- Increase Student Achievement, and Goal 2 Ensure Curriculum and Instruction Engages Learner.***

*All of these goals address the target areas of math, science, reading, and writing. The goal is intended for us to reach our target goal of increased student achievement in math, reading, writing, and science on the 2014-2015 Florida State Assessments, SAT 10, and CELLA assessments. The target areas were defined after the break down of 2013-2014 FCAT 2.0, SAT 10, and CELLA results*. ***This goal is aligned to the Pinellas County School Districts School Improvement Plan Goal 1- Increase Student Achievement, and Goal 2 Ensure Curriculum and Instruction Engages Learner.***

**Goal 5-** All black students will make learning gains in reading and mathematics through the use of differentiated instructional practices and academic skill groups mentored by our guidance counselor monthly. The use of Jan Richardson’s Guided Reading, Think Central Mathematics Interventions, Data Folders, and Kagan Cooperative Learning Strategies will be used to help these students reach their academic goals. By obtaining this goal we will able to increase student performance by 70% from 8.3%. ***This goal is in accordance with the Bradley MOU law; as well as aligned*** ***to the Pinellas County School Districts School Improvement Plan Goal 1- Increase Student Achievement, and Goal 2 Ensure Curriculum and Instruction Engages Learner.***

The core instructional strategies included in our action plans are: Weekly collaborative team planning on every grade level. There will also weekly grade level PLC’s, monthly vertical articulation meetings between grade levels, as well as monthly data chat PLC’s.

The professional development efforts include the use of weekly grade level collaborative planning sessions. The incorporation of Kagan Learning strategies into all grade levels instructional practices will also be implemented this year, along with student data folders. The student data folders will be used so that students are aware of their own academic progress, and are able to set goals based on their own individual needs. All funds from the 2014-2015 School Improvement Plan will be used on Professional Development.

The parent involvement efforts are challenge for our school in area of instructional support. This year we will continue our focus on increasing our instructional support volunteer hours. Our strategy to help us reach this goal is to use the school wide weekly *School Messenger* not only in English, but also in Spanish for our Spanish speaking families providing information as to our schools needs, and areas where parents can support instructional practices. In conjunction with these weekly *School Messenger* messages we will also share information through the schools monthly newsletter, Facebook, Garrison-Jones School website, and PTA newsletter. These will also be offered in Spanish for our Spanish-speaking parents. Our ESOL teacher will work with other teachers and staff members to organize and offer before and after school parent workshops throughout the school year that will focus on various topics to inspire our ESOL parents to get involved with volunteering in the area of instructional support.

For more information about Garrison-Jones Elementary School Improvement Plan, please go to our website at www.**garrison**-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us/