Executive Summary of Skycrest Elementary’s School Improvement Plan

Skycrest Elementary School has 683 students grades K to 5th, two administrators, 63 teachers, and 37 support staff members. The mission **of Skycrest Elementary is Believe . . . Inspire . . . Expect Excellence. Our Vision is 100% Student Success. We BELIEVE that our school community will collaborate to INSPIRE and EXPECT EXCELLENCE rising to achieve 100% student success.**

To accomplish this vision and mission Skycrest has 6 Goals:

1) Increase Reading scores to 56% students achieving at level 3 and above on Florida State Assessment;

2) Increase Math scores to 53% students achieving at level 3 and above on Florida State Assessment;

3) Increase Science scores to 60% students achieving at level 3 and above on FCAT;

4) Close the achievement gap between Black and non-black students to our AMO 2014 targets of 63%

in Reading and 70% in Math on the FSA.

5) Reduce the number and percent of discipline incidents for each student subgroup by 10% and

6) Increase parent involvement hours by 10% representing 50% of our parent population.

The **core instructional** strategies included in our action plans are: providing in-class modeling and coaching facilitated by a Just in Time district literacy and math 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, Speaking and Listening, Content Enhancement); participating in monthly grade level data chats and utilizing project-based learning in appropriate settings.

The **professional development** efforts include the use of the literacy team with literacy coach and math coaches to train and guide teachers in differentiating and scaffolding instruction. Skycrest Staff will participate in professional book studies such as *“Ten Things Every Child with Autism Wishes You Knew” Expanded version* by Ellen Notbohm and *“Widening the Circle: The Power of Inclusive Classrooms”* by Mara Sapon-Shevin.

Volunteerism is accomplished primarily by our community partner.

**Parental involvement** at Skycrest is mostly evident by attendance at parent/teacher conferences and evening family events such: an evening meeting featuring *Rock Star Readers*, Science and Math workshops, Multi-Cultural Fair, Curriculum Night, Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences and Winter and Spring Concerts.

For more information about Skycrest’s School Improvement Plan, please go to our website at

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