**Executive Summary of Sunset Hills School Improvement Plan for 2014-15**

Sunset Hills Elementary School has 540 students grades Prek to 5th, two administrators, 46 teachers, and 23 staff members. The mission **of Sunset Hills Elementary** is we are a diverse school where families, students and staff share and learn together. We believe that we can build such a place.

To accomplish this mission, Sunset Hill has 8 Goals:

1. **ELA Reading**

Increase the level of student proficiency in Reading from 68% to 80%

1. **ELA Writing**

At least 50% of 4th and 5th grade students will demonstrate proficiency in Writing

1. **Mathematics**

Increase the level of proficiency in Mathematics from 65% to 80%

1. **Science**

Increase the level of proficiency in Science from 63% to 80%

1. **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)**

Enroll and maintain at least 30 students (4th and 5th grade) in the STEM club

1. **Early Warning System**

Decrease the number of students by 50% with 2 or more EW signs

1. **Achievement Gap**

Decrease the achievement gap between black and non-black students in the Reading by 80%

1. **Family and Community Involvement**

Offer at least 10 monthly parental involvement opportunities (PTA, SAC, volunteer/mentor programs, special events, and fundraisers)

The core instructional and monitoring strategies included in our action plans are:

1. **Small Group Instruction/Personalized Learning**

* utilizing data to differentiate and scaffold instruction
* conducting data chats with students to support students with goal-setting based on data;
* utilizing scales and rubrics aligned to the learning goal to assess and inform instruction.

1. **Professional Development and Learning**

* providing in-class modeling and coaching with a district coach during instruction time

1. **Differentiated Instruction**

* using state assessments, district-provided assessments, observational data, anecdotal record-keeping, and teacher-created informal assessments to monitor student progress;

1. **Curriculum Monitoring**

* using research-based strategies in core instruction: Gradual Release, Text Dependent Questioning, Collaboration, Speaking and Listening, Content Enhancement
* utilizing project-based learning in appropriate settings;

The professional development efforts include the use of the literacy team to train and guide teachers in differentiating and scaffolding instruction. Teachers meet in Professional Learning Communities (PLC’s) to review student responses to tasks and plan for instruction based on data.

The parent involvement efforts include but are not limited to parent workshops with featured speakers, community educational sessions, parent conferences and various volunteer activities benefiting students.

For more information about Sunset Hills School Improvement Plan, please go to our website at www.sunsethills.es.pinellas.k12.fl.us/