Tarpon Springs Elementary Executive Summary

School Improvement Plan 2014-2015

Tarpon Springs Elementary School has approximately 630 students grades Prek to 5th, two administrators, 55 teachers, and approximately 100 total staff members. The mission **of Tarpon Springs Elementary is to promote highest student achievement in a safe learning environment.**

To accomplish this mission, Tarpon Springs Elementary has 4 primary goals:

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| Goal 1: Increase the number of students making learning gains in literacy to 100%, as measured by FSS. The African American subgroup making learning gains will increase to100%. |  |
| Goal 2: Increase the number of students making a learning gain in math to 100%, as measured by the FSA. The percentage of African American subgroup making a learning gain will increase to 100%. |  |
| Goal 3: Increase the number of students meeting and exceeding grade level proficiency in Science by 15%, as measured by the Florida Standards Assessment. |
| Goal 4: Develop effective early warning sign systems: reduce the % of students with 10% or more absences from 25% to 15% (reduce the % of students receiving an in/out of school suspension from 8% to 2%) (increase the % of families attending school events). |  |

The core instructional strategies included in our action plans are: a focus on learning and understanding the Florida Standards; providing in-class modeling and coaching with a district coach during instruction time; utilizing data to differentiate and scaffold instruction; using research-based strategies in core instruction (e.g., Guided Reading, 5E model, Gradual Release, Text Dependent Questioning, Collaboration, Speaking and Listening), Extended learning for interventions and enrichment; Promise Time tutoring before and after school; Science lab; STEM Club.

The professional development efforts include the use of the literacy team to train and guide teachers in differentiating and scaffolding instruction; providing TDEs for teacher training; on site ST Math training; Collaborative planning support for teams with mutual grade level planning time.

Parent involvement efforts are a challenge for our school, as many parents work during the school day. As a strategy to increase volunteer hours, the school is hosting frequent evening meetings featuring events that educate parents in ways they can support their child’s learning.

For more information about Tarpon Spring’s School Improvement Plan, please go to our website at www.tarpon-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us.