Pinellas Park Middle School

School Improvement Plan – Executive Summary

2014 – 2015

Pinellas Park Middle School has 1100 students from grades 6 through 8. Pinellas Park’s administrative team is comprised of one principal and three assistant principals. The faculty consists of 67 teachers, 3 full-time instructional Coaches, and 25 support staff. The mission of Pinellas Park Middle School is to achieve maximum potential within the academic disciplines, in order to provide a world-class education to students, while ensuring they have social interactions with relevance to the real world.

To accomplish this mission, PPMS has created 4 goals:

* To increase student proficiency in all content areas by having all teachers implement rigorous, standards-based instruction that focuses on data-responsive strategies to differentiate to meet the needs of all students;
* To reduce the number and percent of disciplinary incidents for each subgroup by 25%;
* To close the achievement gap between black and non-black students to our 2015 AMO targets;
* Increase parental involvement hours by 25%; representing 50% of our population.

The core instructional strategies included in our action plan are:

* Having each teacher go through a coaching cycle each marking period with embedded Literacy, Mathematics, and Science coaches, which includes in-class modeling and follow-up;
* Utilizing data to differentiate and scaffold instruction inside of the classroom;
* Using research-based strategies in core instruction, including the Gradual Release Model, WICOR, and NG-CARPD;
* Utilizing project-based learning in appropriate settings;
* Using state assessments, district-provided assessments, observational data, anecdotal record-keeping, and teacher-created informal assessments to monitor student progress;
* 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 and allow students to progress-monitor their level of mastery on the content being taught.

Professional development efforts will include the use of the instructional coaches, TIF Staff Developer, and teacher leaders throughout the school to train and guide teachers in how to differentiate and scaffold instruction, and how to implement rigorous standards-based instruction. Teachers will meet in Professional Learning Communities (PLC’s) to conduct data chats regularly to review student responses to tasks and plan for instruction based on data.

The parent involvement efforts are a challenge for Pinellas Park Middle School as many of our students’ parents work during and after the school day. A strategy to increase volunteer hours, Pinellas Park Middle School will host several events and meetings throughout the school year that features student talent and student work. PPMS will also invite featured speakers to parent events in order to provide additional insight and guidance on student-related topics. A new School Community Liaison has also been added to the PPMS staff that will assist the efforts in bringing the community – parents and businesses – to the school.

For more information about Pinellas Park Middle School’s School Improvement Plan, please visit our website at <http://www.pp-ms.pinellas.k12.fl.us/>.