Executive Summary: Gulf Beaches Elementary Magnet School

School Improvement Plan for 2017-18

GBEMS has 348 students grades Kindergarten to 5th grade, one administrator, 23 teachers, and 10 staff members. The mission of GBEMS is: 100% Student Success. GBEMS has met the requirements of the AdvancED Accreditation Commission and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement.

School Celebrations

A review of our most recent school achievement data has given us reasons to celebrate and build upon as a school. Those improvements include:

1.) Our school has maintained a high performing school letter grade of B
2.) Our students in 3rd and 4th grades increased by 20% in the number of students meeting levels of Proficiency in Mathematics
3.) Our 3rd and 4th grade students combined for a total of 17% increase in the number of students meeting levels of Proficiency in ELA.

Primary Goals

To accomplish our mission, GBEMS has the following primary goals (please provide 5-10 goals).

1) To reduce the percentage of students at levels 1 & 2 in Mathematics on FSA with a target of 70% proficiency
2) To reduce the percentage of students at levels 1 & 2 in ELA on FSA with a target of 70% proficiency
3) To reduce the percentage of students at levels 1 & 2 in Science on SSA with a target of 70% proficiency
4) To reduce the number of students with “High Absences” by 50%
5) Close the achievement gap by increasing black student achievement on FSA ELA from 33% proficiency to 60% proficiency. Increase black student achievement on FSA Math from 25% proficiency to 50% proficiency.
6) To reduce the number of discipline infractions involving “Physical Misconduct” and “Misconduct” resulting in Class/Campus Disruption by 50% (A reduction in a total of 10 Discipline Referrals).
7) Increase the percentage of SWDs meeting proficiency on FSA ELA from 37% to 60%. Increase the percentage of SWDs meeting proficiency on FSA Mathematics from 41% to 60%.
8) Maintain and Increase the number of students regularly participating in after school STEM classes.

Key Strategies:

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

- Providing in-class modeling and standards-based exemplars to help students self-assess their progress toward the standard (Student Centered Classroom).
- Reviewing student work samples as part of our instructional rounds and PLCs as a periodic “rigor” check.
- Establishing a School Based Monthly Meeting Calendar to facilitate site based training to support all academic areas and the Magnet Theme
- Using research-based strategies in core instruction (e.g., SE, Gradual Release, Text Dependent Questioning, Speaking and Listening protocols)
- Utilizing project-based learning as a School-Wide model
- Conducting data chats with students to support students with goal-setting based on data monthly with all grade levels.

Professional Development

The professional development efforts include the use of the yearlong Marzano Framework to plan and deliver instruction. Each Instructional Staff Member will conduct a self-assessment utilizing the Marzano Framework to identify specific areas for growth/improvement that directly support the School Improvement Plan Goals. The Instructional Levels will conduct weekly PLC’s to review the planning of high quality instruction and monitoring of student learning/achievement.
Parent and Community Engagement

Gulf Beaches communicates with parents through our website, monthly newsletters, and regular School Messenger phone calls, as well as classroom newsletters and regular communication through electronic and print resources. We also have regular communication from our school PTA, SAC, and FINSS (Future Innovators Network for Student Skillsets) to the parents to help build our volunteer base, with parents and community members who truly desire to teach kids and support the needs of all learners. Winter Discovery Night and Spring PBL Showcase events are held for students to share their academic progress with their families.

For more information about Gulf Beaches Elementary Magnet School’s Improvement Plan, please go to our website at www.pcsb.org/beaches-es