The School District of Palm Beach County

South Grade Elementary School



2020-21 Schoolwide Improvement Plan

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South Grade Elementary School

716 S K ST, Lake Worth, FL 33460

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Demographics

Principal: Ana Arce Gonzalez

Start Date for this Principal: 8/13/2017

2019-20 Status (per MSID File)	Active
School Type and Grades Served (per MSID File)	Elementary School PK-5
Primary Service Type (per MSID File)	K-12 General Education
2019-20 Title I School	Yes
2019-20 Economically Disadvantaged (FRL) Rate (as reported on Survey 3)	100%
2019-20 ESSA Subgroups Represented (subgroups with 10 or more students) (subgroups below the federal threshold are identified with an asterisk)	Students With Disabilities* English Language Learners* Native American Students* Black/African American Students* Hispanic Students White Students* Economically Disadvantaged Students*
School Grades History	2018-19: C (50%) 2017-18: C (46%) 2016-17: D (40%) 2015-16: C (46%)
2019-20 School Improvement (SI) Info	ormation*
SI Region	Southeast
Regional Executive Director	LaShawn Russ-Porterfield
Turnaround Option/Cycle	N/A
Year	
Support Tier	
ESSA Status	TS&I

* As defined under Rule 6A-1.099811, Florida Administrative Code. For more information, click here.

School Board Approval

This plan was approved by the Palm Beach County School Board on 10/21/2020.

SIP Authority

Section 1001.42(18), Florida Statutes, requires district school boards to annually approve and require implementation of a Schoolwide Improvement Plan (SIP) for each school in the district that has a school grade of D or F. This plan is also a requirement for Targeted Support and Improvement (TS&I) and Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CS&I) schools pursuant to 1008.33 F.S. and the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

To be designated as TS&I, a school must have one or more ESSA subgroup(s) with a Federal Index below 41%. This plan shall be approved by the district. There are three ways a school can be designated as CS&I:

- 1. have a school grade of D or F
- 2. have a graduation rate of 67% or lower
- 3. have an overall Federal Index below 41%.

For these schools, the SIP shall be approved by the district as well as the Bureau of School Improvement.

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) SIP template meets all statutory and rule requirements for traditional public schools and incorporates all components required for schools receiving Title I funds. This template is required by State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.099811, Florida Administrative Code, for all non-charter schools with a current grade of D or F, or a graduation rate 67% or less. Districts may opt to require a SIP using a template of its choosing for schools that do not fit the aforementioned conditions. This document was prepared by school and district leadership using the FDOE's school improvement planning web application located at www.floridacims.org.

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School Type and Gi (per MSID		2019-20 Title I Schoo	l Disadvan	D Economically taged (FRL) Rate rted on Survey 3)
Elementary S PK-5	School	Yes		99%
Primary Servio	• •	Charter School	(Report	9 Minority Rate ed as Non-white I Survey 2)
K-12 General E	ducation	No		97%
School Grades Histo	ory			
Year	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17

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Part I: School Information

School Mission and Vision

Provide the school's mission statement.

South Grade Elementary is committed to providing a world-class education with excellence and equity to empower each student to reach his or her highest potential with the most effective staff to foster the knowledge, skills, and ethics required for responsible citizenship and productive careers.

Provide the school's vision statement.

South Grade Elementary envisions a dynamic collaborative multi-cultural community where education and lifelong learning are valued and supported, and all learners reach their highest potential and succeed in the global economy.

School Leadership Team

Membership

Identify the name, email address, position title, and job duties/responsibilities for each member of the school leadership team.:

Name	Title	Job Duties and Responsibilities
Arce Gonzalez, Ana	Principal	Leads and provides the common vision for the school to make data driven decisions when implenting the RTI in the school.
Barr, Loris	Assistant Principal	Mirrors the vision of the principal by supporting the RTI-SBT process.
Marshall, Linda	Instructional Coach	The reading coach stays current on research and best practices to analyze and support the quality and effectiveness of classroom instruction. The coach identifies systematic patterns of student needs, utilizing district resources to develop effective based intervention strategies. The coach uses student assessments and monitoring data to promote progress monitoring, data collection, and data analysis. Participates with the schools professional development team to create and implement quality and staff development for specific instructional areas of weaknesses. The coach participates in school professional learning communities by grade level K5.
Clark, Celia	Instructional Coach	Supports the operations of learning, culture and systemic communities.
Garcia, Anna	Teacher, K-12	The ESOL Coordinator manages all ELL data, resources, assessments and interventions that supports classroom teachers, students, and parents.
Burritt, Heather	Teacher, K-12	The SBT Leader manages all SBT cases and supports staff and teachers with delivering precise interventions in the classroom.
Arbesfeld, Francis	Instructional Coach	The DL coach stays current on research and best practices to analyze and support the quality and effectiveness of classroom instruction. The coach identifies systematic patterns of student needs, utilizing district resources to develop effective based intervention strategies. The coach uses student assessments and monitoring data to promote progress monitoring, data collection, and data analysis. Participates with the schools professional development team to create and implement quality and staff development for specific instructional areas of weaknesses. The coach participates in school professional learning communities by grade level K5.
Fenn, Martina	Instructional Coach	The reading coach stays current on research and best practices to analyze and support the quality and effectiveness of classroom instruction. The coach identifies systematic patterns of student needs, utilizing district resources to develop effective based intervention strategies. The coach uses student assessments and monitoring data to promote progress monitoring, data collection, and data analysis. Participates with the schools professional development team to create and implement quality and staff development for specific instructional areas of weaknesses. The coach participates in school professional learning communities by grade level K5.
Wilcock, Donna	Instructional Coach	The math coach stays current on research and "best practice" to analyze and support the quality and effectiveness of classroom instruction. The math

Name Title

Job Duties and Responsibilities

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Demographic Information

Principal start date

Sunday 8/13/2017, Ana Arce Gonzalez

Number of teachers with a 2019 3-year aggregate or a 1-year Algebra state VAM rating of Highly Effective. Note: For UniSIG Supplemental Teacher Allocation, teachers must have at least 10 student assessments.

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Number of teachers with a 2019 3-year aggregate or a 1-year Algebra state VAM rating of Effective. Note: For UniSIG Supplemental Teacher Allocation, teachers must have at least 10 student assessments.

17

Total number of teacher positions allocated to the school

67

Demographic Data

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Support Tier	
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Early Warning Systems

Current Year

The number of students by grade level that exhibit each early warning indicator listed:

Indicator	Grade Level													
indicator	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Number of students enrolled	62	106	114	113	133	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	633
Attendance below 90 percent	0	45	34	32	59	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	199
One or more suspensions	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Course failure in ELA	0	8	46	50	72	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	227
Course failure in Math	0	2	26	41	44	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	141
Level 1 on 2019 statewide ELA assessment	0	0	0	0	13	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
Level 1 on 2019 statewide Math assessment	0	0	0	0	10	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
FY20 Math Diag Levels 1 & 2	0	0	0	77	53	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	191
FY20 ELA Diag Levels 1 & 2	0	0	0	98	65	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	243

The number of students with two or more early warning indicators:

Indicator	Grade Level													
Indicator	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Students with two or more indicators	0	5	33	41	62	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	194

The number of students identified as retainees:

Indicator		Grade Level													
indicator	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total	
Retained Students: Current Year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Students retained two or more times	0	0	0	0	17	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	

Date this data was collected or last updated

Thursday 8/27/2020

Prior Year - As Reported

The number of students by grade level that exhibit each early warning indicator:

Indicator	Grade Level													
indicator	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Number of students enrolled	0	115	108	132	108	134	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	597
Attendance below 90 percent	20	12	8	10	7	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
One or more suspensions	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Course failure in ELA or Math	75	85	97	106	58	81	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	502
Level 1 on statewide assessment	0	0	0	80	56	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	219

The number of students with two or more early warning indicators:

Indicator	Grade Level													
Indicator	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	lotai
Students with two or more indicators	13	6	6	77	44	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	205

The number of students identified as retainees:

Indicator						Gra	ade	Le	vel					Total
Indicator	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Retained Students: Current Year	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Students retained two or more times	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Prior Year - Updated

The number of students by grade level that exhibit each early warning indicator:

la dianta a					Grad	de Le	vel							Total
Indicator	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Number of students enrolled	0	115	108	132	108	134	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	597
Attendance below 90 percent	20	12	8	10	7	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
One or more suspensions	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Course failure in ELA or Math	75	85	97	106	58	81	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	502
Level 1 on statewide assessment	0	0	0	80	56	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	219

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Indicator	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Retained Students: Current Year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Students retained two or more times	0	0	0	0	17	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39

Part II: Needs Assessment/Analysis

School Data

Please note that the district and state averages shown here represent the averages for similar school types (elementary, middle, high school, or combination schools).

School Grade Component		2019		2018				
School Grade Component	School	District	State	School	District	State		
ELA Achievement	32%	58%	57%	23%	53%	55%		
ELA Learning Gains	55%	63%	58%	42%	59%	57%		
ELA Lowest 25th Percentile	56%	56%	53%	52%	55%	52%		
Math Achievement	52%	68%	63%	46%	62%	61%		
Math Learning Gains	66%	68%	62%	44%	62%	61%		
Math Lowest 25th Percentile	59%	59%	51%	53%	53%	51%		
Science Achievement	27%	51%	53%	21%	51%	51%		

	EWS Indic	cators as	Input Ea	rlier in the	e Survey		
Indicator		Grade	Level (prid	or year rep	oorted)		Total
Indicator	K	1	2	3	4	5	Total
	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	0 (0)

Grade Level Data

NOTE: This data is raw data and includes ALL students who tested at the school. This is not school grade data.

			ELA			
Grade	Year	School	District	School- District Comparison	State	School- State Comparison
03	2019	24%	54%	-30%	58%	-34%
	2018	30%	56%	-26%	57%	-27%
Same Grade C	omparison	-6%				
Cohort Com	parison					
04	2019	32%	62%	-30%	58%	-26%

			ELA			
Grade	Year	School	District	School- District Comparison	State	School- State Comparison
	2018	24%	58%	-34%	56%	-32%
Same Grade C	omparison	8%				
Cohort Com	parison	2%				
05	2019	27%	59%	-32%	56%	-29%
	2018	24%	59%	-35%	55%	-31%
Same Grade C	omparison	3%			•	
Cohort Com	parison	3%				

			MATH			
Grade	Year	School	District	School- District Comparison	State	School- State Comparison
03	2019	39%	65%	-26%	62%	-23%
	2018	47%	63%	-16%	62%	-15%
Same Grade C	omparison	-8%				
Cohort Com	parison					
04	2019	57%	67%	-10%	64%	-7%
	2018	38%	63%	-25%	62%	-24%
Same Grade C	omparison	19%				
Cohort Com	parison	10%				
05	2019	43%	65%	-22%	60%	-17%
	2018	56%	66%	-10%	61%	-5%
Same Grade C	omparison	-13%				
Cohort Com	parison	5%				

			SCIENCE			
Grade	Year	School	District	School- District Comparison	State	School- State Comparison
05	2019	23%	51%	-28%	53%	-30%
	2018	27%	56%	-29%	55%	-28%
Same Grade C	Same Grade Comparison					
Cohort Com	parison					

Subgroup Data

		2019	SCHO	OL GRAD	E COMF	PONENT	S BY SI	JBGRO	UPS		
Subgroups	ELA Ach.	ELA LG	ELA LG L25%	Math Ach.	Math LG	Math LG L25%	Sci Ach.	SS Ach.	MS Accel.	Grad Rate 2017-18	C & C Accel 2017-18
SWD	26	59	78	48	74	67	15				
ELL	29	56	55	51	67	60	26				
BLK	31	57	58	45	63	57	33				
HSP	33	54	53	54	67	60	27				
WHT	40			30							
FRL	32	56	56	52	66	59	27				

		2018	SCHO	OL GRAD	E COMF	ONENT	S BY SI	JBGRO	UPS		
Subgroups	ELA Ach.	ELA LG	ELA LG L25%	Math Ach.	Math LG	Math LG L25%	Sci Ach.	SS Ach.	MS Accel.	Grad Rate 2016-17	C & C Accel 2016-17
SWD	25	55	61	36	47	56	29				
ELL	29	55	53	52	54	50	23				
AMI	26	39		50	59		33				
BLK	34	63	64	42	60	43	59				
HSP	29	52	54	56	55	59	21				
WHT	31	25		46	38						
FRL	29	51	57	53	56	51	29				
		2017	SCHO	OL GRAD	E COMF	ONENT	S BY SI	JBGRO	UPS		
Subgroups	ELA Ach.	ELA LG	ELA LG L25%	Math Ach.	Math LG	Math LG L25%	Sci Ach.	SS Ach.	MS Accel.	Grad Rate 2015-16	C & C Accel 2015-16
SWD	13	32	38	39	54	61	16				
ELL	17	35	51	46	44	52	16				
AMI	11	29		34	53		11				
BLK	28	56	82	43	48	53	21				
HSP	23	40	44	49	39	45	24				
				40							
WHT	36			43							

ESSA Data

This data has been updated for the 2018-19 school year as of 7/16/2019.

ESSA Federal Index					
ESSA Category (TS&I or CS&I)					
OVERALL Federal Index – All Students	50				
OVERALL Federal Index Below 41% All Students	NO				
Total Number of Subgroups Missing the Target	1				
Progress of English Language Learners in Achieving English Language Proficiency					
Total Points Earned for the Federal Index	397				
Total Components for the Federal Index	8				
Percent Tested	100%				

Subgroup Data

Students With Disabilities				
Federal Index - Students With Disabilities	51			
Students With Disabilities Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?				
Number of Consecutive Years Students With Disabilities Subgroup Below 32%	0			

English Language Learners						
Federal Index - English Language Learners						
English Language Learners Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	NO					
Number of Consecutive Years English Language Learners Subgroup Below 32%						
Native American Students						
Federal Index - Native American Students						
Native American Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A					
Number of Consecutive Years Native American Students Subgroup Below 32%	0					
Asian Students						
Federal Index - Asian Students						
Asian Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A					
Number of Consecutive Years Asian Students Subgroup Below 32%	0					
Black/African American Students						
Federal Index - Black/African American Students	51					
Black/African American Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	NO					
Number of Consecutive Years Black/African American Students Subgroup Below 32%	0					
Hispanic Students						
Hispanic Students Federal Index - Hispanic Students	50					
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Federal Index - Hispanic Students						
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Economically Disadvantaged Students				
Federal Index - Economically Disadvantaged Students	50			
Economically Disadvantaged Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	NO			
Number of Consecutive Years Economically Disadvantaged Students Subgroup Below 32%	0			

Analysis

Data Reflection

Answer the following reflection prompts after examining any/all relevant school data sources (see guide for examples for relevant data sources).

Which data component showed the lowest performance? Explain the contributing factor(s) to last year's low performance and discuss any trends.

According to the comparison of FY19 FSA to FY20 Diagnostics, the ELL population has the lowest achivement performance in ELA. which is not a typical trend for the ELL population in Math. Specifically, the female Hispanic subgroup showed the lowest performance. This subgroup dropped 7% from previous year FSA. This is a trend because we have historically had large populations of ELL students. The ELL male Hispanic subgroup increased from 11% FY19 FSA to 24% FY20 Diagnostics. The ELA decline was mostly evident in 3rd grade with our Hispanic and White students and in 5th grade with our White students. The contibuting factor is the need to support all learners through differentiation. We need to develop our teachers to utilize instructional differentiation in a strategic manner. Due to the lack of data for FY20 because of state mandated school closure with the cancellation of state assessments, we will continue with our FY20 goals of increasing 5% in ELA.

Which data component showed the greatest decline from the prior year? Explain the factor(s) that contributed to this decline.

According to the comparison of FY19 Diagnostic to FY20 Diagnostic, fourth grade math had the greatest decline from 61.8% achievement to 50% achievement. The Hispanic, Black and SWD subgroups showed considererable declines as well (HIspanic - 67% to 52%; Black - 63% to 30%; SWD - 78% to 50%).

The contributing factor: the previous 4th grade class performed exceedingly well in achievement, gains and lowest 25%. The current 4th grade class, although they showed growth from 3rd grade to 4th grade, they did not out perform the previous 4th grade class causing a decrease in performance, comparing FY19 to FY20. Teachers were also introduced to a new Math curriculum resource. More time is needed to better understand how to implement the new adaptations of the resource.

Which data component had the greatest gap when compared to the state average? Explain the factor(s) that contributed to this gap and any trends.

Traditionally, ELA FSA and Science achievement proficiency results have the largest gap compared to district and state averages (ELA State 57% compared to school 32% and Science State 53% compared to school at 27%). As compared to the FY20 Diagnostic, ELA results showed an increase of 9% and Science 17%. The complexity of the text in ELA and Science continues to be a challenge for our ELL students who make up 78% of our population. ELA learning gains has also traditionally shown a gap of about 8-10% difference as compared to the district and/or state; however; ELA lowest 25% has shown equal results as compared to the district and/or state.

Another contributing factor was that the ELA coach was utilized to support beginning teachers throughout the year which lessen the amount of support for other homeroom teachers.

Which data component showed the most improvement? What new actions did your school take in this area?

The area that has consistently demonstrated the most improvement has been Math. Comparing FY18 to FY19 Math FSA students increased 11% in learning gains and 6% lowest 25%. As compared to the FY20 Diagnostic students increased 3% in achievement.

All subgoups with the exception of Black female (40% decrease to 37%) and SWD female (45% to 33%) had a substantial increase in math performance.

Contributing factor: Closely progress monitoring student groupings and intense analysis of data during PLC and grade level meetings. More deliberate planning would need to be done to better support our SWD students and black females to allow for more foundational instruction leading up to learning a new concept.

Reflecting on the EWS data from Part I (D), identify one or two potential areas of concern?

An area of concern is the course failures for both ELA/Math components is significantly a large amount of the grade level student population. This is a standard based report card which doesn't reflect the growth ELL and SWD students are doing which accounts for the majority of our students population. Therefore, if the student is not performing on grade-level it would appear that the students are under performing with a grading code of ND (needs development). This grading system does not reflect the amount of time it takes a second language learner to obtain standard mastery language.

As well the Level 1 on state assessments is exceedingly high across grades 3-5. When students score a level 1 it indicates that students are performing below the grade level standard or well below the grade level standard. Although it creates for more opportunities to receive intensive services, it does pressure the ELL student to have to learn at a much faster pace than their non-ELL peers and pushes teachers to conduct more progress monitoring of student performance as well as possibly forcing teachers to begin looking at students for any processing issues or learning deficiencies when in fact they just need time to process the language.

Rank your highest priorities (maximum of 5) for schoolwide improvement in the upcoming school year.

At South Grade we focus on student achievement, learning gains, lowest 25% and overall social emotional learning. It is understood as described in the district strategic plan that 3rd grade proficieny is our main priority as we leverage all of our work with students in grades K-2 and 3-5. This accounts for our ESSA White subgroup and all other subgroups that make up the majority of our students.

- 1. Third grade proficiency accounts for all the students who have been able to master on grade level reading standards. By making this our first priority, it allows us to keep the vision of supporting our younger grades socially, academically and developmentally. By considering the most effective interventions and capturing the needs of students early, it will allow for more effective outcomes. Putting in place the right services and catching defiencies at an early stage will create a more continous best practice.
- 2. K-2 ELA proficiency is also at the core of every PD we do with teachers. Many of our students begin school with a deficit in oral language. It is a component to literacy that we incorporate in every subject and lesson we do. For ELL learners, the visual, hands-on practice and oral language support is above all an essential resource that needs to be included throughout the student day.
- 3. Science Mastery continues to be an ongoing challenge for our students due to the complexity of vocabulary and concept. Building a science lab to go along with lessons is a non-negotialbe to help students understand concepts, definitions/terms, and exploration better. We will continue to provide

students with as many opportunities to construct deep understanding of concepts outside the textbook.

- 4. Lowest 25% ELA/Math students are our targeted students who require the most intervention and services. These students are closely monitored to assure that intense interventions are working and developing academic student growth. Providing differentiated standard based instruction along with identifying the best method of instruction is at the core of our planning for these students.
- 5. Differentiation of standard based instruction has no limits when understanding the urgency of student needs. With the ELL spectrum for learning, instruction requires a different lift, presentation or accommodation depending on the number of years students have been in school and acquiring the english language. Our daily PLC meetings will continue to help us explore, as educators, best practices that will support our students best within their ELL categories.

Part III: Planning for Improvement

Areas of Focus:

#1. ESSA Subgroup specifically relating to Outcomes for Multiple Subgroups

Area of Focus Description and Rationale: If we provide effective and relevant instruction to White and Hispanic subgroups and all students to ensure an increase in reading on grade level by 3rd grade.

According to ESSA the white subgroup performed below the 41% indicator and the

remaining Hispanic male/female subgroup have declined significantly. The contributing factor is the need to support all learners

through differentiation. We need to develop our teachers to utilize instructional differentiation in a strategic manner.

Our school had a 3% decline in the Black subgroup for ELA proficiency and 6% decline in learning gains and lowest 25%. The white subgroup also declined from 46% to 30% in math proficiency. The contributing factor is the need to support all learners through differentiation. We need to develop our

teachers to utilize instructional differentiation in a strategic manner.

- 1. White students will increase from 10% from 40% to 50% ELA proficiency
- 2. Black subgroup students will increase from 31% to 41% ELA proficiency
- Measurable
 Outcome:

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 - 3. Science for all students will increase from 27% to 37% proficiency 4. ELL subgroup students will increase 5% in proficiency 29% to 34%, learning gains 56% to 61% and lowest 25% 55% to 60%

Person responsible for monitoring outcome:

Ana Arce Gonzalez (ana.arce-gonzalez@palmbeachschools.org)

- 1. Differentiated small group instruction using AVID to support rigor, instruction, collaboration and culture
- 2. Teacher providing clear and effective learning feedback (i.e., teacher/

Evidencebased Strategy:

- student data chat including setting up goals and objectives)
 3. Using complex text and questions to support student engagement and
- collaboration
 4. Reciprocal teaching and allowing students to fully engage in their own learning
- 5. Hands-on science labs for fifth grade students
- 1. Using differentiated instruction through content, process, process and learning environment would meet the needs of the different learners.

Rationale for Evidence-

2. Data driven instruction, progress monitoring, and accountability of subgroups during PLCs will help target the white, black and all students to meet individual needs.

based Strategy:

- 3..In order to increase proficiency the engagement and collaboration among students is directly aligned to high learning outcomes.
- 4. By providing the hands-on science lab it will produce rich understanding of vocabulary. engagement and science standard components.

Action Steps to Implement

- 1. Deliverable professional development to include differentiated instruction (i.e., small group guided, strategy and skill work) (PDTeam)
- 2. Identified students with reading deficiency(ies) will receive SAI, RTI, LLI remediation/intervention support (Coaches)
- 3. Purposeful resource such as Fountas/Pinnell will be used to guide teachers in developing effective and efficient lessons (PD Team)
- 4. During PLC, teachers and coaches will analyze data to include next step approaches.(Coaches)

5. Throughout the school year, SEL is being supported by Morning Meeting implementation and on-site mental health team to deliver school-wide positive behavior systems (i.e., PBS/Safety Committee meets monthly to ensure progress monitoring of systems and problem/solution interventions). (PBS/Mental Health Care Team)

Person Responsible

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Additional Schoolwide Improvement Priorities

After choosing your Area(s) of Focus, explain how you will address the remaining schoolwide improvement priorities.

In alignment with the District's Strategic Plan and with the goal to increase the academic instruction of all students, students are immersed in rigorous tasks encompassing the full intent of Florida State Standards including the content required by Florida State Statute 1003.42 continuing to develop a Single School Culture of excellence in academics, behavior, and school climate with an appreciation of multicultural diversity in alignment to S.B. policy 2.09 with a focus on the instruction of the

- *History of the Holocaust,
- *History of African Americans,
- *Study of the contributions of Hispanics and Women to the US, and
- *Sacrifices of Veterans in serving our country.

Within our school, teachers will articulate, demonstrate, and teach the specific practices that reflect the application of the school's SwPBS guidelines of Social Emotional Learning, showcased by our Morning Meetings. This is a daily ritual where students practice and are being taught how to assume responsible, respectful, and ready to learn behaviors. We have universal guidelines that are captured and taught by staff. Every morning on the school news, the principal reviews these universal guidelines and celebrates exemplar classrooms and students.

This past year South Grade Elementary was recognized with the PBIS Model School Gold Status. This recognition is aligned to the implementation of positive behavioral interventions and supports within a Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS). The focus is to promote positive behavior in school, relationship-building and de-escalation strategies. Students earn Surfer tickets when they follow the school rules and guidelines which then allows students to redeem them at our school store. Teachers and staff truly enjoy recognizing students throughout their day, as students equally demonstrate their motivation when receiving Surfer tickets. As well, our lunch program favors students each month. Each day, classes earn points. At the end of the month, the class with the most points is recognized on the school news, weekly staff newsletter and receive a redemption prize for their cafeteria behavior.

South Grade Elementary has a multicultural committee made up staff members who meet monthly on how to best celebrate diversity at the school. Examples of events and activities arranged by this committee include the following: Multicultural Show - different classes showcase different countries around the world with song and dances; meetings and trainings for parents; Hispanic Heritage month trivia and activities on the morning news

The school also has a Care Team that attends to behavioral and mental health of students. This team collaborates weekly and identifies interventions and strategies for students and families that need greater assistance at home and/or school. This team is comprised of school administration, mental health therapist, co-located therapist, school counselor and ESE coordinator.

Our parent liaison along with city agencies also provide additional resources (e.g., food, clothing, toiletries, supplies, backpacks) to our families who have greater needs. Families are also given additional items during our parent trainings and informational meetings.

Our school also has a Safe School Ambassadors Program. These opinion leader students work quietly and courageously to de-escalate conflict, reduce incidents of deliberate exlusion, social cruelty, and bullying, on campus whether in person or online. Our school guidance

Grade level leader facilitators and coaches ensure the effective implementation of State requirements statute requirements.

Part IV: Positive Culture & Environment

A positive school culture and environment reflects: a supportive and fulfilling environment, learning conditions that meet the needs of all students, people who are sure of their roles and relationships in student learning, and a culture that values trust, respect and high expectations. Consulting with various stakeholder groups to employ school improvement strategies that impact the positive school culture and environment are critical. Stakeholder groups more proximal to the school include teachers, students, and families of students, volunteers, and school board members. Broad stakeholder groups include early childhood providers, community colleges and universities, social services, and business partners.

Stakeholders play a key role in school performance and addressing equity. Consulting various stakeholder groups is critical in formulating a statement of vision, mission, values, goals, and employing school improvement strategies.

Describe how the school addresses building a positive school culture and environment ensuring all stakeholders are involved.

School-wide Positive Behavior is used to encourage students' academic and behavioral success. To celebrate that success students may choose from a reward board which includes choices like lunch with the teacher, classroom scavenger hunt, choose the look of the teacher's bitmoji, etc. Certificates, individual surfer tickets and incentives will be offered campus wide as a way to reward good choices. To highlight teachers' contributions to students' success, the School-wide Positive Behavior Team will provide incentives to teachers throughout the year for going above and beyond.

South Grade Elementary is very supportive with assisting parents at school and/or in the home. Office staff and teachers make daily/weekly home visits with providing parents student academic assistance. As well, we monitor attendance closely and weekly, conduct home visits to encourage students to attend school. Students are recognized weekly for perfect attendance. Any attendance concerns are addressed with the school-based team that meets weekly. When appropriate, the attendance clerk meets with the parent and creates a plan of action (contract) on how to best resolve the attendance concern.

Character-development program (required K-12) with curriculum to address: patriotism; responsibility; citizenship; kindness; respect for authority, life, liberty, and personal property; honesty; charity; self-control; racial, ethnic, and religious tolerance; and cooperation. This will be taught through the school's SEL classes that will be on a rotation provided by the SEL team. In addition the morning announcements will emphasize the character development focus for the month on a daily basis.

Students at South Grade Elementary are given the opportunity to learn college and career readiness skills in 4th and 5th grade. This program teaches students how to be more organized, how to take notes, shows them study skills, helps build relational capacity, sets high expectations, allows students to collaborate, ask and answer inquiry type questions, and fosters a safe environment for students. Elementary students develop the academic habits they will need to be successful in middle school, high school, and college, in an age-appropriate and challenging way.

With the additional support of student mental health interns, we are able to provide students the social/ emotional support needed to cope with daily life circumstances. We have two play therapy rooms that have been designed to help students feel comfortable as they work on strategies to support social/emotional concerns. The toys and materials in the therapy room have an effect on the type and amount of expression and interaction with the therapist.

Parent Family and Engagement Plan (PFEP) Link

The school completes a Parental Involvement Plan (PFEP), which is available at the school site.

Part V: Budget

The approved budget does not reflect any amendments submitted for this project.

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	Function	Object	Budget Focus	Funding Source	FTE	2020-21	
	3336	500-Materials and Supplies	2431 - South Grade Elementary School	School Improvement Funds		\$718.82	
	Notes: Provide systems of supports to ensure all needs of students are being met.						
Total:						\$718.82	