**School District of Osceola County, FL** 

# P. M. Wells Charter Academy



2022-23 Schoolwide Improvement Plan

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## P. M. Wells Charter Academy

2426 REMINGTON BLVD, Kissimmee, FL 34744

https://www.pmwellsacademy.org

### **Demographics**

**Principal: Ivonne Sardinas** 

Start Date for this Principal: 7/1/2021

2019-20 Status (per MSID File)	Active
School Type and Grades Served (per MSID File)	Combination School KG-8
Primary Service Type (per MSID File)	K-12 General Education
2021-22 Title I School	Yes
2021-22 Economically Disadvantaged (FRL) Rate (as reported on Survey 3)	75%
2021-22 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 Black/African American Students Hispanic Students Multiracial Students White Students* Economically Disadvantaged Students
School Grades History	2021-22: C (50%) 2018-19: A (69%) 2017-18: A (65%)
2019-20 School Improvement (SI) Info	ormation*
SI Region	Central
Regional Executive Director	<u>Lucinda Thompson</u>
Turnaround Option/Cycle	N/A
Year	
Support Tier	
ESSA Status	ATSI
* As defined under Rule 6A-1.099811, Florida Administrative Code. For	or more information, click here.

### **School Board Approval**

N/A

### **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 <a href="https://www.floridacims.org">www.floridacims.org</a>.

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Combination School KG-8	Yes	75%
Primary Service Type (per MSID File)	Charter School	2018-19 Minority Rate (Reported as Non-white on Survey 2)
K-12 General Education	Yes	83%

### School Grades History

Year	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19
Grade	С		Α	А

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### Part I: School Information

#### School Mission and Vision

#### Provide the school's mission statement.

At PM Wells Charter Academy, our unique and innovative curriculum and overall instructional program is designed to provide our scholars with CHOICE. Whether it is exposing them to exciting science and mathematics concepts through our STEAM program or providing the latest, research-based curriculum for core subject areas, PM Wells Panther graduates are empowered with the CHOICE to pursue their academic and career goals.

### Provide the school's vision statement.

Our aim is to educate the learner as a whole, therefore, we value the individual experiences, interests, voice, and talents each student adds to the school community.

### School Leadership Team

### Membership

For each member of the school leadership team, select the employee name and email address from the dropdown. Identify the position title and job duties/responsibilities.:

Name	Position Title	Job Duties and Responsibilities
Sardinas Darder, Ivonne	Principal	School Principal.
Rosado, Iliana	Assistant Principal	Assistant Principal
Williams, Cyndee	Instructional Coach	Instructional Coach over Mathematics and Science, K-8
Rivera, Melanie	Instructional Coach	Instructional Coach over Literacy, K-8

### **Demographic Information**

#### Principal start date

Thursday 7/1/2021, Ivonne Sardinas

Number of teachers with a 2022 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.

NA

Number of teachers with a 2022 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.

NA

Total number of teacher positions allocated to the school

32

### Total number of students enrolled at the school

621

Identify the number of instructional staff who left the school during the 2021-22 school year.

17

Identify the number of instructional staff who joined the school during the 2022-23 school year.

**Demographic Data** 

### **Early Warning Systems**

Using prior year's data, complete the table below with the number of students by current grade level that exhibit each early warning indicator listed:

Indicator					(	Gra	ade	L L	eve	əl				Total
indicator	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Number of students enrolled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Attendance below 90 percent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
One or more suspensions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Course failure in ELA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Course failure in Math	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Level 1 on 2022 statewide FSA ELA assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Level 1 on 2022 statewide FSA Math assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Number of students with a substantial reading deficiency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Using the table above, complete the table below with the number of students by current grade level who have two or more early warning indicators:

Indicator						Gr	ade	e Le	vel					Total
mulcator	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Students with two or more indicators	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Using current year data, complete the table below with the number of students identified as being "retained.":

Indicator		Grade Level													
mulcator	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

### Date this data was collected or last updated

Thursday 9/1/2022

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

Indicator	Grade Level													
mulcator	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Number of students enrolled	63	51	80	69	74	73	86	66	85	0	0	0	0	647
Attendance below 90 percent	24	19	9	17	35	18	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	123
One or more suspensions	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Course failure in ELA	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	10	0	0	0	0	0	30
Course failure in Math	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Level 1 on 2019 statewide FSA ELA assessment	0	0	0	19	12	21	16	12	6	0	0	0	0	86
Level 1 on 2019 statewide FSA Math assessment	0	0	0	20	12	18	19	14	12	0	0	0	0	95
Number of students with a substantial reading deficiency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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

Indicator						Gr	ade	e Le	eve	Grade Level													
mulcator	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOLAT									
Students with two or more indicators	5	3	3	4	7	5	0	4	7	0	0	0	0	38									

### 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	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	
Students retained two or more times	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

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One or more suspensions	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Course failure in ELA	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	10	0	0	0	0	0	30
Course failure in Math	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Level 1 on 2019 statewide FSA ELA assessment	0	0	0	19	12	21	16	12	6	0	0	0	0	86
Level 1 on 2019 statewide FSA Math assessment	0	0	0	20	12	18	19	14	12	0	0	0	0	95
Number of students with a substantial reading deficiency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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

Indicator	Grade Level											Total		
mulcator	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
Students with two or more indicators	5	3	3	4	7	5	0	4	7	0	0	0	0	38

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Retained Students: Current Year	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Students retained two or more times		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

## Part II: Needs Assessment/Analysis

### **School Data Review**

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

Sahaal Grada Company		2022			2021		2019			
School Grade Component	School	District	State	School	District	State	School	District	State	
ELA Achievement	47%	50%	55%				57%	56%	61%	
ELA Learning Gains	49%						70%	57%	59%	
ELA Lowest 25th Percentile	45%						85%	55%	54%	
Math Achievement	44%	42%	42%				60%	52%	62%	
Math Learning Gains	52%						70%	55%	59%	
Math Lowest 25th Percentile	49%						59%	49%	52%	
Science Achievement	35%	45%	54%				50%	49%	56%	
Social Studies Achievement	65%	53%	59%	·			82%	75%	78%	

### **Grade Level Data Review - State Assessments**

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
01	2022					
	2019					
Cohort Con	nparison					
02	2022					
	2019					
Cohort Con	nparison	0%				
03	2022					
	2019	50%	51%	-1%	58%	-8%
Cohort Con	nparison	0%				
04	2022					
	2019	59%	51%	8%	58%	1%
Cohort Con	nparison	-50%				

			ELA			
Grade	Year	School	District	School- District Comparison	State	School- State Comparison
05	2022					
	2019	44%	48%	-4%	56%	-12%
Cohort Cor	nparison	-59%	·			
06	2022					
	2019	52%	48%	4%	54%	-2%
Cohort Cor	mparison	-44%	·			
07	2022					
	2019	58%	47%	11%	52%	6%
Cohort Cor	mparison	-52%				
80	2022					
	2019	64%	49%	15%	56%	8%
Cohort Cor	nparison	-58%			<u> </u>	

			MATH			
Grade	Year	School	District	School- District Comparison	State	School- State Comparison
01	2022					
	2019					
Cohort Co	mparison					
02	2022					
	2019					
Cohort Co	mparison	0%				
03	2022					
	2019	56%	54%	2%	62%	-6%
Cohort Co	mparison	0%				
04	2022					
	2019	61%	53%	8%	64%	-3%
Cohort Co	mparison	-56%				
05	2022					
	2019	52%	48%	4%	60%	-8%
Cohort Co	mparison	-61%				
06	2022					
	2019	53%	45%	8%	55%	-2%
Cohort Co	mparison	-52%				
07	2022					
	2019	62%	30%	32%	54%	8%
Cohort Co	mparison	-53%				
08	2022					
	2019	35%	47%	-12%	46%	-11%
Cohort Co	mparison	-62%				

	SCIENCE										
Grade	Year	School	District	School- District Comparison	State	School- State Comparison					
05	2022										

			SCIENC	E		
Grade	Year	School	District	School- District Comparison	State	School- State Comparison
	2019	47%	45%	2%	53%	-6%
Cohort Con	nparison					
06	2022					
	2019					
Cohort Con	nparison	-47%				
07	2022					
	2019					
Cohort Con	nparison	0%				
08	2022					
	2019	46%	42%	4%	48%	-2%
Cohort Con	nparison	0%				

		BIOLO	GY EOC		
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2022					
2019					
		CIVIC	S EOC		
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2022					
2019	81%	73%	8%	71%	10%
		HISTO	RY EOC		
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2022					
2019					
		ALGEE	RA EOC		
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2022					
2019	87%	49%	38%	61%	26%
		GEOME	TRY EOC		
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2022					
2019					

## Subgroup Data Review

		2022	SCHO	OL GRAD	E COMP	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 2020-21	C & C Accel 2020-21
SWD	7	25	28	13	46	56	10				
ELL	40	54	53	41	50	53	23	55	53		
BLK	38	50		38	56						
HSP	47	49	47	42	48	44	31	63	56		
WHT	50	50		57	74		58	73	100		
FRL	42	44	38	41	51	48	34	57	71		
		2021	SCHOO	OL GRAD	E COMP	PONENT	S BY SU	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 2019-20	C & C Accel 2019-20
SWD	7	41	42	18	25			45			
ELL	51	66	54	48	49	42	37	75			
BLK	47	52		56	45		45	62			
HSP	61	66	52	52	47	37	48	78	85		
WHT	70	70		63	52		36	83			
FRL	59	63	39	49	43	25	45	70	84		
		2019	SCHO	OL GRAD	E COMP	ONENT	S BY SU	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	17	62		31	45	42	23				
ELL	44	69	84	50	68	66	35	71			
BLK	64	73		60	58		48				
HSP	55	70	86	59	70	62	51	79	83		
WHT	64	63		70	70						
FRL	53	68	82	56	69	63	42	74	76		

### **ESSA Data Review**

This data has not been updated for the 2022-23 school year.

ESSA Federal Index	
ESSA Category (TS&I or CS&I)	ATSI
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	53
Total Points Earned for the Federal Index	500
Total Components for the Federal Index	10
Percent Tested	99%
Subgroup Data	

Students With Disabilities	
Federal Index - Students With Disabilities	26
Students With Disabilities Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	YES
Number of Consecutive Years Students With Disabilities Subgroup Below 32%	1
English Language Learners	
Federal Index - English Language Learners	48
English Language Learners Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	NO
Number of Consecutive Years English Language Learners Subgroup Below 32%	0
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	46
Black/African American Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	NO
Black/African American Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?  Number of Consecutive Years Black/African American Students Subgroup Below 32%	NO 0
Number of Consecutive Years Black/African American Students Subgroup Below 32%	
Number of Consecutive Years Black/African American Students Subgroup Below 32%  Hispanic Students	0
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White Students	
Federal Index - White Students	66
White Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	NO
Number of Consecutive Years White Students Subgroup Below 32%	0
Economically Disadvantaged Students	
Federal Index - Economically Disadvantaged Students	48
Economically Disadvantaged Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	NO
Number of Consecutive Years Economically Disadvantaged Students Subgroup Below 32%	0

### Part III: Planning for Improvement

### **Data Analysis**

Answer the following analysis questions using the progress monitoring data and state assessment data, if applicable.

### What trends emerge across grade levels, subgroups and core content areas?

The school's ELA scores, while decreasing by approximately 14% from the previous school year, are on par with the school district's ELA scores from the 2019 assessment year. A notable achievement for the school is that while Math achievement decreased 7% from the previous school year overall, Math learning gains improved by 5% from the 2021 assessment year and the Math lowest 25 percentile increased to 49% from 38% (11%). Science achievement scores also decreased which is of concern, from 46% to 35% and social studies achievement also decreased, from 77% to 65%. Students with Disabilities is the most concerning subgroup with 26% of students showing proficiency, a decrease from the previous year.

## What data components, based off progress monitoring and 2022 state assessments, demonstrate the greatest need for improvement?

Data components indicated that the greatest need for improvement was in ELA, Science, Civics and US History, and the SWD supgroup. Specifically, Science had a drop of 11% and social studies had a drop of 12%. ELA overall also showed a decrease in achievement; however, learning gains near matched 2021 assessment results but still are a concern.

## What were the contributing factors to this need for improvement? What new actions would need to be taken to address this need for improvement?

Middle school science was a great challenge in the 2021-2022 school year because despite aggressive recruiting efforts all year long, a certified science teacher was not able to be found and hired until late April of 2022. Certified, experience science educators, already hired at the middle school level, will help science proficiency for the 2022-2023 school year. For ELA achievement, besides student's intensive reading gaps caused by the pandemic and virtual school for/during the two years prior, at the middle school level, the ELA teacher for 7th and 8th grade departed to another state only 3 months into the school year while the other middle school ELA teacher had health related absences which also impacted ELA student achievement.

## What data components, based off progress monitoring and 2022 state assessments, showed the most improvement?

Math learning gains improved by 5% from the 2021 assessment year and the Math lowest 25 percentile increased to 49% from 38% (11%).

## What were the contributing factors to this improvement? What new actions did your school take in this area?

The school's math department in grades 3-8, including departmentalized teachers that taught 3rd-8th grade, had stability and were in their positions/classes consistently for the entire school year across the board. In addition, the math learning gains were buttressed at the middle school level by an Intensive Math class that utilized targeted small-group instruction with a blend of adaptive learning technology (ALEKS and Prodigy). Also at the K-5 level for math (as well as reading), the school increased the instructional day and dedicated an additional 30 minutes specifically to MTSS Tier 2 and 3 small group instruction and Tier 1 student instructional enrichment.

### What strategies will need to be implemented in order to accelerate learning?

Instructional focus on Tier 1 Reading and Math instruction will be needed. Adopting the Wit and Wisdom (ELA/Reading) curriculum along with fidelity of implementation of the Eureka math curriculum will strengthen the core instruction across all grade levels. Given how low proficiency scores and learning gains were across all domains and grade levels, it is also necessary to focus on the implementation of a research based MTSS intervention program which the school is doing via Istation for math and Lexia for reading at the K-5 levels.

Based on the contributing factors and strategies identified to accelerate learning, describe the professional development opportunities that will be provided at the school to support teachers and leaders.

All teachers were already trained in the BEST standards during a summer academy to ensure quality, standards-aligned Tier 1 instruction. Teachers will be provided ongoing professional development; beginning with the pre-service weeks in August 2022 and continuing through a robust PLC program (common planning, early release PD and Saturday Morning Round Tables); in maximizing Tier 1 Instruction through fidelity of implementation of the Wit and Wisdom (ELA) and Eureka (math) curriculums. This professional development will be provided by a combination of the publisher and instructional coaches which are well versed in the use of these curriculums.

Provide a description of the additional services that will be implemented to ensure sustainability of improvement in the next year and beyond.

Professional development opportunities will include ongoing coaching support, modeling, and accountability measures. There will be a more robust tutoring program this upcoming year that will focus on student remediation and acceleration. Additionally, there will be more opportunities for tutoring during the school day through the use of interventionists, push-in/pull-out groups, and student groups/activities before school.

#### **Areas of Focus**

Identify the key Areas of Focus to address your school's highest priorities based on any/all relevant data sources.

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### #1. Instructional Practice specifically relating to ELA

Area of Focus Descript

Description and Rationale: Include a rationale that explains how it was identified as a critical need from the data

reviewed.

ELA achievement in grades 3rd through 8th has dropped approximately 11% proficiency from the 2021 to the 2022 Spring FSA. Students need to be taught foundational skills to make up for deficits and loss of learning from online instruction during the 2020-2021 school year, but also need to be accelerated in learning current year B.E.S.T standards. Shifts in instructional practice will be made across grade levels to accelerate student learning in ELA, as students must become proficient readers in order to become highly effective in all areas.

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Outcome:
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outcome the
school plans
to achieve.
This should
be a data
based,
objective
outcome.

**outcome the** PM Wells Charter Academy will achieve a minimum of 55% proficiency rate in reading school plans comprehension as evidenced by the 2023 S.T.A.R administration and FAST administration in grades K-8.

**Monitoring:** 

Describe how this Area of Focus will be monitored for the desired This area of focus will be monitored through universal screener data (Istation for K-5 and Achieve3000) along with in house developed benchmark assessments using mastery connect. Universal screeners are conducted three times a year and the benchmark assessments are conducted twice a quarter. Weekly monitoring through instructional walkthroughs conducted by school-based coaches and administration will take place. Additionally, student achievement data will be monitored at regular school-based data meetings and with charter school network personnel (led by instructional leaders from the ESP) at network data meetings.

Person responsible

outcome.

for

[no one identified]

monitoring outcome:

Evidence-

Strategy: Describe the

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Given the high number of Tier 2/3 students, results from the MTSS/Universal Screener process will drive specific standard-based lessons for interventions during daily intervention blocks. Students will receive a combination of instruction at their proficiency level (during the MTSS block in a small group setting) and standards- based instruction (during whole group instruction). Collaborative analysis of assessments to adjust instruction produces significant learning gains for students, including those with disabilities. Marzano (2003), Reeves (2010), Dufour, (2010). Per. a John Hopkins study, Istation Early Reading program is designated ESSA Tier 3 Promising Evidence. Lexia Core5 Reading

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for this Area of Focus.

now have Evidence for ESSA Strong (Tier 1) rating. Fundations® core instruction implemented implementation is associated with better performance in reading with a rating of "Promising Evidence" / ESSA Tier 3. Grades 6-8 will receive Springbaord ELA Tier curriculum support and Tier 2 students will receive an Intensive Reading Class w/Lexia's adaptive instructional reading support.

Rationale for Evidencebased Strategy: Explain the rationale for selecting this specific strategy. Describe the resources/ criteria used for selecting this strategy.

The approach of focusing teacher instruction on student grade level while also providing intense standards-based instruction in a small group setting at the students' individual achievement level will both help increase learning gains for students at all levels and increase the number of students achieving proficiency on grade level material. Small group instruction has a high effect size of .47 per John Hattie. Analysis of student assessment data serves a critical role in the teacher decision making and meeting the diverse needs of individual students. Collaborative analysis of assessments to adjust instruction produces significant learning gains for students, including those with disabilities. Marzano (2003), Reeves (2010), Dufour, (2010). Per. a John Hopkins study, Istation Early Reading program is designated ESSA Tier 3 Promising Evidence. Lexia Core5 Reading now have Evidence for ESSA Strong (Tier 1) ratings as evidenced by dozens of additional peer-reviewed studies confirm products' efficacy (Lexia Learning).

### **Action Steps to Implement**

List the action steps that will be taken as part of this strategy to address the Area of Focus. Identify the person responsible for monitoring each step.

Hire an instructional coach with focus on Literacy.

Person Responsible

Ivonne Sardinas Darder (isardinas@pmwellsacademy.org)

Extend the day for all students for additional learning by 30 minutes daily for grades K-5.

Person

Responsible

Ivonne Sardinas Darder (isardinas@pmwellsacademy.org)

Purchase Fundations to increase phonemic awareness in all students in grades K-3 and implement with fidelity including regular progress-monitoring checks.

Person

Responsible

Ivonne Sardinas Darder (isardinas@pmwellsacademy.org)

Purchase and implement iStations as a Tier 1 adaptive learning platform for all students in grades K-5 and Achieve3000 as the Tier 1 adaptive learning platform for all students in grades 6-8.

Person

Responsible

Iliana Rosado (irosado@pmwellsacademy.org)

Purchase and implement Lexia Core 5 as a Tier 2 and 3 direct instruction and adaptive tool for all students in grades K-5 who are classified in these Tiers (Lexia PowerUp for grades 6-8).

Person

Responsible

Ivonne Sardinas Darder (isardinas@pmwellsacademy.org)

Implement incentive an annual stipend of \$750 for teachers to increase Reading Endorsed teachers within the staff.

Person

Responsible

Ivonne Sardinas Darder (isardinas@pmwellsacademy.org)

Implement an MTSS Learning Lab for reading to service Tier 3 students in small groups with a reading endorsed teacher in grades K-5.

Person Responsible

Ivonne Sardinas Darder (isardinas@pmwellsacademy.org)

Provide a four day summer institute for all teachers to train them on the new BEST Standards.

Person

Responsible

Iliana Rosado (irosado@pmwellsacademy.org)

### #2. Instructional Practice specifically relating to Math

Area of Focus
Description and
Rationale:
Include a
rationale that
explains how it
was identified
as a critical
need from the
data reviewed.

Math scores dropped approximately 11% for mathematics in grades 3-8 from the 2021 to the 2022 assessment year as per FSA results. PM Wells Charter Academy will need to implement additional strategies to maintain proficient math students and increase learning gains amongst all student.

Ensuring high levels of learning of mathematics achievement for all students is paramount for the 2022-2023 school year. Data indicates a need to strengthen Tier one instruction and a structured Tier two intervention program followed with fidelity to improve mathematics skills. For appropriate results to occur, teachers need to understand the Florida math Standards and the level of rigor that they must be taught. Also, the implementation with fidelity of the Eureka Math program for K-8 grade students and supplemental resources is a key focus to increase mathematics performance.

Measurable
Outcome:
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outcome the
school plans to
achieve. This
should be a data
based, objective
outcome.

70% of students will exceed their baseline score throughout the year on iStation (K-5) and Khan Academy (6-8) for the Universal Screener Process, demonstrating one year's worth of learning gains at the conclusion of the 2022-2023 school year in the area of math.

Monitoring:
Describe how
this Area of
Focus will be
monitored for
the desired
outcome.

This area of focus will be monitored weekly through instructional focus walks conducted by school-based coaches and administration and weekly monitoring of the math Tier 2 and tier 3 intervention platform (IStation for K-5, Khan Academy for 6-8) by teachers and administration to ensure weekly usage requirements are met. Additionally, student achievement data will be monitored at regular school-based data meetings and with district personnel at district data meetings.

Person responsible for monitoring outcome:

[no one identified]

Evidence-based Strategy: Describe the evidence-based strategy being implemented for this Area of Focus. Teachers will collaboratively plan for and effectively implement standards-based instruction during the math block and will use the intervention/MTSS block (K-5) to target students' below grade level skills. Students will receive daily practice on their current grade level standard. Fluency strategies will be targeted through the use of targeted online programs and tutoring programs.

In addition, Istation will be used for all Tier 2 and Tier 3 math students both at school and at home for grades K-5 as an adaptive-learning based intervention program specifically targeting and addressing student needs as determined by the Universal Screener assessment. Khan Academy Math Istation will be used for all Tier 2 and Tier 3 math students both at school and at home for grades 6-8 as an adaptive-learning based intervention program specifically targeting and addressing student needs as determined by the Universal Screener assessment.

Rationale for Evidence-based

Strategy: Explain the

rationale for selecting this specific strategy. Describe the

resources/ criteria used for selecting this strategy. Students need a combination of instruction at their level and at the level of the standard to be successful. The approach of focusing teacher instruction on student needs while also providing intense standards-based instruction will both help increase learning gains for students at all levels and increase the number of students achieving proficiency on grade level material. In addition, Istation Usage Leads to Growth on national math assessments per an independent quasi experimental study by John Hopkins which meets ESSA Tier 2 evidence standards (Cook, Ross 2021).

### **Action Steps to Implement**

List the action steps that will be taken as part of this strategy to address the Area of Focus. Identify the person responsible for monitoring each step.

Hire an Instructional Coach for Mathematics to provide coaching and instructional support to staff.

Person Responsible

Ivonne Sardinas Darder (isardinas@pmwellsacademy.org)

Hire an MTSS Interventionist focused on supporting Tier 2 and Tier 3 students with gaps in numeracy via an MTSS Learning Lab.

**Person** 

Responsible

Ivonne Sardinas Darder (isardinas@pmwellsacademy.org)

Implement i-Station Math (K-5) and Khan Academy (grades 6-8) as an adaptive learning tool for Tier 2-3 students.

Person

Responsible

Iliana Rosado (irosado@pmwellsacademy.org)

Implement a daily 30 minute MTSS block for mathematics and a 60 minute Tier 1 instructional block (Grades K-5)

Person

Responsible

Ivonne Sardinas Darder (isardinas@pmwellsacademy.org)

Provide a four day summer institute for math for teachers to learn the new BEST Standards.

Person

Responsible

Iliana Rosado (irosado@pmwellsacademy.org)

Purchase and utilize Great Minds Equip AND MasteryConnect for the development of standard-based common assessments to determine acquisition of taught standards. Data utilized to adjust instruction.

Person

Responsible

Ivonne Sardinas Darder (isardinas@pmwellsacademy.org)

### #3. Instructional Practice specifically relating to Science

Area of Focus
Description
and Rationale:
Include a
rationale that
explains how
it was
identified as a
critical need

from the data reviewed.

The school's Science proficiency (5th grade) decreased from 40% to 38% from the 20-21 to the 21-22 school year which shows a critical need for this content area.

Measurable
Outcome:
State the
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measurable
outcome the
school plans
to achieve.
This should be
a data based,
objective

The school will achieve a minimum of 50% proficiency rate in Science for the 2022-2023 school year as measured by the Science state assessment (FCAT 2.0) - this applies to both grade 5 and grade 8. Biology EOC scores will be targeted at 65 % or higher (13% increase from the 2022 Bio EOC administration).

Monitoring:
Describe how
this Area of
Focus will be
monitored for
the desired
outcome.

outcome.

Instructional practices for Science will be monitored by student progress on Mastery Connect-based assessments to ensure that they're making progress between each administration of the screener. In addition, classroom walkthroughs will take place to observe for quality core instruction, including the appropriate usage of instructional differentiation and student-centered, high-yield, instructional strategies at the appropriate rigor levels with fidelity-driven usage of the StemScopes core science instructional materials. Lastly, the usage of digital instructional programs pertaining to the content areas (i.e. Gizmos) will be monitored weekly by teachers and administration.

Person responsible for monitoring outcome:

[no one identified]

Evidencebased Strategy: Describe the evidencebased strategy being implemented for this Area of Focus. The science curriculum will be made more relevant and engaging to students by contextualizing lessons that give facts meaning, explore concepts that are applicable to students' lives, and provide opportunities for solving complex problems through the utilization of the Scientific Method in alignment to the StemScopes curriculum. For grades K-5, StemScopes is embedded with hands on labs which make the curriculum come to life and thus science standards become more digestible for students. The 5E concept for scientific inquiry will also be utilized.

For grades 6-8, Discovery Education's curriculum, fused with a focus on hands-on experience from teachers with support from administration, will ensure a great retention of scientific knowledge and the scientific process on behalf students.

Rationale for Evidence-based

For grades K-5, Students who manipulate scientific ideas using hands-on/minds-on strategies and activities are more successful than peers who are taught by teachers relying primarily on lecture and the textbook (Lynch & Zenchak, 2002). Since its

Strategy: Explain the rationale for selecting this specific strategy. inception at Rice University, STEMscopes has conducted research to inform product development and to evaluate the effectiveness of STEMscopes on teachers and students. Based on this research conducted over several years, the evidence of STEMscopes effectiveness is solidly in Tier 2 (moderate evidence).

specific strategy. Describe the resources/ criteria used for selecting this strategy.

For grades 6-8, Discovery Education's science curriculum, utilized as the core Science curriculum meet rigorous evidence-based standards defined in ESSA — meeting Tier 4 evidence criteria for federal requirements. In addition, students who manipulate scientific ideas using hands-on/minds-on strategies and activities are more successful than peers who are taught by teachers relying primarily on lecture and the textbook (Lynch & Zenchak, 2002).

### **Action Steps to Implement**

List the action steps that will be taken as part of this strategy to address the Area of Focus. Identify the person responsible for monitoring each step.

Provide teacher training on the Tier I Science Curriculum (from StemScopes K-5/Discovery Education 6-8) to ensure that it is utilized with fidelity for science education is hands-on, relevant, and aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards.

### Person Responsible

Cyndee Williams (cwilliams@pmwellsacademy.org)

Teachers will attain and break down achievement data from vendor-created diagnostic and summative assessments (Mastery Connect, StemScopes, Discovery Education) and school-based assessments during common planning PLCs.

### Person Responsible

Cyndee Williams (cwilliams@pmwellsacademy.org)

Teachers will learn and implement standards based stations and implement differentiated instruction as an instructional strategy to breakdown student data and content mastery.

### Person Responsible

Cyndee Williams (cwilliams@pmwellsacademy.org)

Teachers will provide individual student data chats at the beginning, middle, and end of year based on the results of MasteryConnect summative benchmark assessments and the Khan Academy Universal Screener for the Biology course and EOC.

### Person Responsible

Cyndee Williams (cwilliams@pmwellsacademy.org)

### #4. ESSA Subgroup specifically relating to Students with Disabilities

Area of Focus
Description and
Rationale:
Include a rationale
that explains how
it was identified
as a critical need
from the data

Students with disabilities only showed a 26% proficiency rate, which is below the 41% minimum requirement. Specifically, 28% of SWD students demonstrated Learning Gains in ELA and 56% of SWD students demonstrated Learning Gains in Math.

## Measurable Outcome:

reviewed.

State the specific measurable outcome the school plans to achieve. This should be a data based, objective outcome.

Given the implementation of the actions steps included in the ESSA Subgroup relating to Students with Disabilities, students classified with a primary exceptionality, in attendance both FTE periods, will improve their reading skills as evidenced by improving their Lexile level by at least 10 points from baseline to Spring 2023 Universal Screener administration (Istation for K-5 and Achieve 3000 for grades 6-8).

Monitoring:
Describe how this
Area of Focus will
be monitored for
the desired
outcome.

This area of focus and its corresponding strategies will be monitored by the school principal and the Network Director for Students with Disabilities. Weekly reports for Achieve 3000 and IStation will be printed by each SWD Student's assigned Special Education teacher to monitor the usage of the students and their performance on the weekly assignments. Furthermore, performance in core classes will be monitored to ensure that success rates are high and that appropriate accommodations are provided.

Person responsible for monitoring outcome:

Ivonne Sardinas Darder (isardinas@pmwellsacademy.org)

Evidence-based Strategy: Describe the evidence-based strategy being implemented for this Area of Focus. Supporting learners with special needs using a combination of supports and interventions. Use available evidence to identify where learners are in the learning progression, identify specific evidenced-based interventions, implement those interventions with fidelity, and continually monitor the impact of those interventions. Differentiation will be used in classrooms. This involves adjusting the content, the process of learning, and the way the learners demonstrate the learning, and the learning environment. This will include scaffolding learning and creating challenging goals.

Rationale for Evidence-based Strategy: Explain the rationale for selecting this specific strategy. Describe the resources/criteria used for selecting this strategy.

The effect size of supporting learners with special needs is 0.80. The effect size of differentiation is 0.46. To increase the effectiveness of this strategy it will be coupled with scaffolding learning (0.58) and creating challenging goals (0.59).

### **Action Steps to Implement**

List the action steps that will be taken as part of this strategy to address the Area of Focus. Identify the person responsible for monitoring each step.

Provide students with disabilities support facilitation teacher support in the core mathematics class and in the intensive reading class (grades 6-8) and during the core Reading/Math classes and/or the MTSS Tier 2/Tier 3 intervention time.

Person

Responsible

Ivonne Sardinas Darder (isardinas@pmwellsacademy.org)

Provide extra instructional time every day for students with disabilities who struggle to understand content being taught in the general education course.

Person

Responsible

Ivonne Sardinas Darder (isardinas@pmwellsacademy.org)

Allocate a Special Education coach to provide ESE teachers with the strategies required to meet the needs of the students per the IEP. In addition, to work with the general education teachers to understand how to provide the accommodations the students is entitled to per the IEP.

Person

Responsible

Ivonne Sardinas Darder (isardinas@pmwellsacademy.org)

### **RAISE**

The RAISE program established criteria for identifying schools for additional support. The criteria for the 2022-23 school year includes schools with students in grades Kindergarten through fifth, where 50 percent or more of its students, for any grade level, score below a level 3 on the most recent statewide English Language Arts (ELA) assessment.

### **Area of Focus Description and Rationale**

Include a description of your Area of Focus (Instructional Practice specifically relating to Reading/ELA) for each grade below, how it affects student learning in literacy, and a rationale that explains how it was identified as a critical need from the data reviewed. Data that should be used to determine the critical need should include, at a minimum:

- The percentage of students below Level 3 on the 2022 statewide, standardized ELA assessment.
   Identification criteria must include each grade that has 50 percent or more students scoring below level 3 in grades 3-5 on the statewide, standardized ELA assessment.
- The percentage of students in kindergarten through grade 3, based on 2021-2022 end of year screening and progress monitoring data, who are not on track to score Level 3 or above on the statewide, standardized ELA assessment.
- Other forms of data that should be considered: formative, progress monitoring and diagnostic assessment data.

### Grades K-2: Instructional Practice specifically relating to Reading/ELA

For grades K-2, the school will implement a research-based reading program titled Wit and Wisdom which addresses all five areas of reading. This program will be implemented in a 90 minute uninterrupted block of ELA taught daily. In addition, a 30-minute uninterrupted block will allocated for writing taught daily using the incorporated writing program. Lastly, a phonics based companion will be used, Fundations, for grades K-3 to increase phonics, phonemic awareness and vocabulary skills in the

students. This program will complimented with Geodes which provides real text to do Close Reading. Furthermore, a 30-minute MTSS block has been allocated for reading daily for Tier 2 and Tier 3 students. To address the adaptive needs of our students, iStation will be used for online instruction during the day and extended beyond the bell for Tier 1 students and Lexia Core 5 will be used for Tier 2 and Tier 3. Due to the large ELL population, Dual Language instruction (50/50) will be implemented allocating a 60 minute block of Spanish Language Instruction using research based program titled Adelante and 30 minutes of content area, Science, will be also be taught in Spanish. This will ensure the home language of the students is developed as they transition to English the standards learned within those two blocks. Using funds allocated, an extended learning program will be allocated to provide additional on-task learning and intervention. K-3 teachers who are endorsed are prioritized to teach reading.

### Grades 3-5: Instructional Practice specifically relating to Reading/ELA

For grades 3-5, the school will implement a research-based reading program titled Wit and Wisdom which addresses all five areas of reading. This program will be implemented in a 90 minute uninterrupted block of ELA taught daily. In addition, a 30-minute uninterrupted block will allocated for writing taught daily using the incorporated writing program. This program will complimented with Geodes which provides real text to do Close Reading. Furthermore, a 30-minute MTSS block has been allocated for reading daily for Tier 2 and Tier 3 students. To address the adaptive needs of our students, iStation will be used for online instruction during the day and extended beyond the bell for Tier 1 students and Lexia Core 5 will be used for Tier 2 and Tier 3. Due to the large ELL population, Dual Language instruction (50/50) will be implemented allocating a 60 minute block of Spanish Language Instruction using research based program titled Adelante and 30 minutes of content area, Science, will be also be taught in Spanish. The dual language program will service K-3 students in 22-23, K-4 in 23-24, and K-5 in 24-25. This will ensure the home language of the students is developed as they transition to English the standards learned within those two blocks. Using funds allocated, an extended learning program will be allocated to provide additional on-task learning and intervention. 3-5 teachers who are endorsed are prioritized to teach reading.

### **Measurable Outcomes:**

State the specific measurable outcome the school plans to achieve for each grade below. This should be a data based, objective outcome. Include prior year data and a measurable outcome for each of the following:

- Each grade K-3, using the new coordinated screening and progress monitoring system, where 50 percent or more of the students are not on track to pass the statewide ELA assessment.
- Each grade 3-5 where 50 percent or more of its students scored below a level 3 on the most recent statewide, standardized ELA assessment and
- Grade 6 measurable outcomes may be included, as applicable.

### **Grades K-2: Measureable Outcome(s)**

PM Wells Charter Academy will achieve a minimum of 55% proficiency rate in reading comprehension for students in grades K-2, as evidenced by the 2023 S.T.A.R administration.

### **Grades 3-5: Measureable Outcome(s)**

PM Wells Charter Academy will achieve a minimum of 55% proficiency rate in reading comprehension for students in grades 3-5, as evidenced by the 2023 FAST administration.

### **Monitoring:**

Describe how the school's Area(s) of Focus will be monitored for the desired outcomes. Include a description of how ongoing monitoring will take place with evaluating impact at the end of the year.

Leadership will conduct daily classroom walkthroughs to ensure fidelity of implementation of the strategies mentioned within the RAISE Plan. Furthermore, reports for iStation and Lexia will be printed weekly to determine on-track usage and performance. Modifications will be made as data indicates need.

### Person responsible for monitoring outcome:

Select the person responsible for monitoring this outcome.

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### **Evidence-based Practices/Programs:**

Describe the evidence-based practices/programs being implemented to achieve the measurable outcomes in each grade and describe how the identified practices/programs will be monitored. The term "evidence-based" means demonstrating a statistically significant effect on improving student outcomes or other relevant outcomes as provided in 20 U.S.C. §7801(21)(A)(i). Florida's definition limits evidence-based practices/programs to only those with strong, moderate or promising levels of evidence.

- Do the identified evidence-based practices/programs meet Florida's definition of evidence-based (strong, moderate or promising)?
- Do the evidence-based practices/programs align with the district's K-12 Comprehensive Evidencebased Reading Plan?
- Do the evidence-based practices/programs align to the B.E.S.T. ELA Standards?

Collaborative analysis of assessments to adjust instruction produces significant learning gains for students, including those with disabilities. Marzano (2003), Reeves (2010), Dufour, (2010). Per. a John Hopkins study, Istation Early Reading program is designated ESSA Tier 3 Promising Evidence. Lexia Core5 Reading now have Evidence for ESSA Strong (Tier 1) ratings as evidenced by dozens of additional peer-reviewed studies confirm products' efficacy (Lexia Learning). An independent analysis of data from a Florida district determined that Fundations® core instruction implementation is associated with better performance on four of six tested DIBELS scores in first grade and DIBELS Letter Naming Fluency (LNF) subtest in Kindergarten - The study is sufficient for a rating of "Promising Evidence" / Tier 3 on the U.S. Department of Education's Every Students Success Act (ESSA) evidence scale. All curricular programs for reading are aligned to B.E.S.T. ELA standards.

### Rationale for Evidence-based Practices/Programs:

Explain the rationale for selecting the specific practices/programs. Describe the resources/criteria used for selecting the practices/programs.

- Do the evidence-based practices/programs address the identified need?
- Do the identified practices/programs show proven record of effectiveness for the target population?

The targeted MTSS approach and extended Tier 2/3 intervention time matches the identified intensive reading support needs of students in grades K-5. For the programs selected for K-5 ELA, Fundations (Tier 3, Promising evidence per ESSA), Istation (Tier 3, Promising evidence per ESSA) and Lexia Learning (Tier 1, Strong evidence per ESSA) all not only correlate to statistically higher reading improvement as per ESSA evidence guidelines, these program are also particularly with English Language Learner (ELL) students which comprise more than 50% of the school's population.

### **Action Steps to Implement:**

List the action steps that will be taken to address the school's Area(s) of Focus. To address the area of focus, identify 2 to 3 action steps and explain in detail for each of the categories below:

- Literacy Leadership
- Literacy Coaching
- Assessment
- Professional Learning

### **Person Responsible for Action Step** Monitoring 1) Implement an MTSS Learning Lab for reading to service Tier 3 students in small groups with a reading endorsed teacher, groups will be based on Istation universal screener assessment and the reading endorsed intervention teacher will have bi-Rosado, Iliana, weekly meetings with the school's literacy coach to ensure the program is irosado@pmwellsacademy.org implemented with fidelity including the use of Lexia Learning (Tier 1, Strong evidence per ESSA) and small-group reading intervention. 2) Extend the day for all students for additional learning by 30 minutes daily to embed quaranteed intervention time - the literacy coach will push in, model, co-teach, and/or Rosado, Iliana, provide feedback during the MTSS blocks as well as the use of key literacy curricula irosado@pmwellsacademy.org i.e. Fundations (Tier 3, Promising evidence per ESSA) and Wit&Wisdom.

### **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 is critical in formulating a statement of vision, mission, values, goals, and employing school improvement strategies that impact the school culture and environment. 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.

### Describe how the school addresses building a positive school culture and environment.

The school is very intentional about create a positive culture through the design and implementation of a comprehensive and precise Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) Framework. The foundation of this framework is that teachers train the 10 learner profile characteristics or skills in their classrooms using mini-lessons trained by a PBIS consultant that break down each profile/skill into tangible, every-day application friendly behaviors and strategies students should use to better engage with one another, their instructor, and the instructional process overall. Some examples include teachers train students to "BE Knowledgeable" by taking a stance on a local/global issue that relates to a concept being studied in class and connecting classroom concepts to local/global issues. Teachers train students to "BE Reflective" by allowing Students time to think critically and reflect on their behavior, whether positive or otherwise, and analyze prior experiences and determine whether their response led to a positive outcome. Teachers train

students to "BE Caring" by establishing a positive and welcoming environment not just in the classroom but in the entire school as well, modeling for Students how to be respectful of individuals and how students can be sensitive to other's ideas and opinions. Teachers and administrators collaborate to establish a safe and respectful learning environment that allows others' opinions to be valued and respected. Students are also trained and taught how to "BE Principled" and empower with Ownership with accountability, taking initiatives when it comes to their education and commitment to the school and class and their peers for success, taking pride in their education and commitment to growth

By teaching and modeling appropriate positive, prosocial behaviors, the students have a clearer understanding of what is expected. Teachers are trained that students need to be shown and told what to do, rather than telling them "don't do something." Positively stating and acknowledging appropriate behaviors gives the students concrete behavioral guidelines. Behavioral response systems are more likely to be effective when the students expect the same response across classrooms and in other common settings in their schools. The school encourages and rewards consistent behaviors which elicit the same responses from staff, regardless of the student is in the school building.

Using positively stated and easy-to-remember norms that are used schoolwide helps both students and staff use universal language when discussing behavior.

Teachers and students are provided with a table that lists the school norms and necessary skills to display the norms that are expected in every setting in the building. Posters/signs are utilized in each setting listing the norms and skills for that location.

Teaching guides were also trained and provided to teachers teach norms to students with setting specific examples.

### Identify the stakeholders and their role in promoting a positive school culture and environment.

School administrators and team members from the ESP with experience in positive culture and PBIS framework design and implementation designed the PBIS policies including teaching guides, norms, skills, and frameworks and trained teachers on not only the frameworks, but how to implement them. Classroom teachers teach the students the norms and skills they need to engage positively in the learning process and with one another, reward students for following the expected norms and behaviors, and redirect behaviors using specifically trained strategies and cues. Teachers also form partnerships with parents both as a celebration of students making good choices and to collaborate on behavioral challenges that students may have.

Auxiliary personnel (i.e. hall monitors, front office staff, etc.) also refer to the norms, skills, and behaviors that comprise the school's PBIS framework to ensure there is a consistent culture and vocabulary around the positive environment.