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### Description of the School

Describe the school's size, community/communities, location, and changes it has experienced in the last three years. Include demographic information about the students, staff, and community at large. What unique features and challenges are associated with the community/communities the school serves?

Bluegrass Middle School is nestled in between it's feeder schools New Highland Elementary school and John Hardin. This unique setting enables us to structure our vertical programs to work together. This blending of schools, as well as the unique draw of our communities creates a large level of diversity which is one of our strengths. Our population is currently 605 students - 65% of whom qualify for free/reduced lunch and 48% of whom are minority students. Even though Bluegrass is located in Etown Kentucky and is adjacent to Fort Knox it still has a uniquely urban and rural feel. We have a wide variety of programming that students can access including band, art, PE, careers, We Build it Better (a partnership with Altec), agriculture education, LEGO Robotics, and technology. We are a 1:1 school with all students receiving chromebooks. Teachers are equipped with interactive panels, wireless slates, webcams, wireless microhpnes, and cameras to assist with teaching. Our whole school has invested in project/problem based learning.

### School Stakeholders

Identify and describe the school's stakeholder groups. How does the school ensure stakeholder involvement and engagement in the improvement planning process?

Stakeholder groups include parents, students, and the community at large. We have created the first ever Parent-Teacher-Student Organization to better support our students. We will be hosting several family nights to engage with the community at large and our parent stakeholders throughout the year.

### School's Purpose

Provide the school's purpose statement and supplementary content such as mission, vision, values, and/or beliefs, including the year in which they were last reviewed or revised. Describe how the school embodies its purpose through its program offerings and expectations for students and how stakeholders are involved in its development.

We have revised the mission of Bluegrass Middle School - it is now "The Mission of Bluegrass Middle School is to provide highly-engaging, academically-rigorous, personally-relevant and literacy-rich learning experiences." Last year we shifted our core valures to Family, Respect, Success to be more in line with our feeder high school and this supports the culture of accepting all of our students and families into the community of bulldogs. Since we serve an incredibly diverse population of learners we operate primarily within the departmental framework to allow for flexibility in meeting student needs. Furthermore we have shifted to offer an

increasingly more challenging curriculum grounded in research and the KY standards in math, science, social studies, and ELA. Our extracurricular offerings encompass a wide-range of opportunities outside the classroom.

#### Notable Achievements

Describe the school's notable achievements in the last three years.

Double digit reading and math growth as evidenced by i-Ready

Multiple athletic championships, academic team regional champions

New PTSO Organization

First soccer club team in HCS history

#### Areas of Improvement

Describe areas for improvement that the school is striving to achieve in the next three years.

We are TSI for our SPED Students. We have implemented an enhancement/intervention period for all of students based upon their needs. All students begin the day with their homeroom teacher - in the case of SPED students these are also their case managers to work on life-skills, SEL, and behavioral areas aswell as math and reading needs being addressed through homeroom. Additionally we have implemented an administratively designed SEL curriculum to address student needs and cultural awarenessess.

#### Additional Information

Provide any additional information you would like to share with the public and community that were not prompted in the previous sections.

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# Attachment Summary

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