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Meadow View Elementary School

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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?

Meadow View Elementary School is located in Radcliff, Kentucky on the northern part of Hardin County. The school serves students in grades first through fifth. Though the enrollment fluctuates, the student population averages about 520 students per school year. Preschool and kindergarten students attend North Park Elementary School before transitioning to our building. Our school is 61% minority and 78% free and reduced lunch. Our transient rate is annually around 30%. Because we are in close proximity to the Fort Knox military base, we have a large population of military dependent children in our school. We have an IMFLAC Counselor that is provided to our students through the United States Army. We also have many other students who reside in the low income housing in the area. This gives us a great mix of students and families. Our school is staffed with all highly qualified teachers. This year, we have one KTIP intern teacher. We have one National Board Certified teacher and two teachers who are Google Certified Level II for the 2017/2018 school year. The overall community is very supportive of our school in numerous ways. Our school has fundraised to raise money for new playground equipment, but we have only been able to update the playground for safety and compliance. We have added new rubber mulch and several new swings. One of our stakeholders had donated new disc golf equipment for our playground. Nearly 95% of our classrooms have ceiling mounted projectors, computers, digital projectors, smart board, and pen pads. We have a goal of one-to-one technology for our students, and to date, have over 300 Chromebooks being used in the classrooms.

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School's Purpose

Provide the school's purpose statement and ancillary content such as mission, vision, values, and/or beliefs. Describe how the school embodies its purpose through its program offerings and expectations for students.

Our Mission at Meadow View is, "As a Meadow View Trojan, we commit to be POSITIVE, PREPARED, & PRODUCTIVE, every day, in every way." We believe that every student is on an educational journey and that no matter where students are in their journey, we need to meet all of their needs in order for them to grow and raise achievement. Our vision is, "The community of Meadow View Elementary School will be known for excellence and achievement in all areas of student performance. We will provide a safe environment and aspire for every child to be proficient and prepared for lifelong success." Our focus is on the individual child. The atmosphere will be conducive to learning and helping student meet the challenges of society. Meadow View supports a curriculum that provides a balance of specific concepts integrated with basic skills students need to know. We strongly believe in establishing a strong family, school, and community relationship in which we all value education. Students are immersed in a rigorous and rich content in reading, math, writing, science, and social studies, that helps to prepare them for the challenges ahead in life. We serve a very diverse population that requires our faculty and staff to remain flexible to meet the needs of each individual learner. We are constantly trying new ways to reach the whole child, which consists of including our families in several different activities that take place at school (ie: "Appy Hour for Families, Grade Level Family Nights, Book Give-a-ways).

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Notable Achievements and Areas of Improvement

Describe the school's notable achievements and areas of improvement in the last three years. Additionally, describe areas for improvement that the school is striving to achieve in the next three years.

During the 2016/17 School year, our school got to celebrate the previous year's significant gains on the KPREP state test. We had a 9.3 point increase. Our BETA students have attended the BETA convention for the past three years. We have added a Girls on the Run team, and for the 2017/18 school year, we have an Academic Team. Our writing scores for the 2016/2017 KPREP state test increased, with our school scoring the highest compared to the other three elementary schools on the northern end of Hardin County. Our Achievement score also increased on the 2016/17 KPREP state test. In 2016, our Future Problem Solving team won the district competition in the Governor's Cup. In the 2015-16 school year, our 5th grade had the top math scores in the Math 180 program. We have had two fifth graders receive achievement awards from the Optimist Club of Radcliff and our principal was named 2017 Educator of the Year by the Optimist Club of Radcliff. Areas of Improvement: Although our Achievement score increased on the 2016/17 KPREP, our GAP and Growth scores decreased. We did not receive any novice reduction points for the 2016/17 KPREP. Though our third grade reading and math scores increased, we had decreases in reading and math for fourth and fifth grades. We also noted from the 2016/17 KPREP data, that the scores of our Hispanic population decreased. Our goal is to increase scores in all areas including, reading, math, writing and social studies.

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Additional Information

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

Meadow View continues to celebrate diversity and we strive to produce well rounded citizens, not just good test takers. We are continuing our new teacher mentor program (MVMP) in order to recruit and retain highly qualified teachers who want to make Meadow View a permanent home. We welcome and encourage community members to come in and volunteer as mentors. We offer free Tuesday tutoring which is purposeful and teachers chose students who would benefit from extended learning. We are continuing our monthly club day, in which every student is a club member and every faculty/staff member is a club sponsor or co-sponsor. We have partnered with Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority (Fort Knox Alumni Chapters), to mentor our students, welcome them back after extended breaks, and support us in whatever capacity there is a need. Community members, the NHHS BETA Club, NHHS JROTC, NHHS basketball and football teams are used to read to, mentor, and encourage our students. Meadow View has a certified Character Education teacher and program to help with our behavior concerns. We have a part time assistant in the Character Education room so that the teacher is able to go out into the classrooms, teaching lessons on good character and behavior, and being proactive to keep the students out of the Character Education room. We started our CARE-A-VAN program in the 2016/17 school year and are continuing it for 2017/18. The faculty and staff nominate students (9 in 2016/17 and increasing to 12 in 2017/18) based on their good behavior and/or academic achievement. Three vans go out into the community and visit those students' homes. The students are awarded food prizes, balloons, and certificates. Grade level family nights were started in the 2016/17 school year and have continued for 2017/18. Each grade level will host a family night where parents come in and learn about what their students are learning and doing in that grade level. Free childcare is provided and refreshments.

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