

## **WALSINGHAM ELEMENTARY SIP 2013-14 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Walsingham Elementary School has 558 students grades PreK to 5<sup>th</sup>, two administrators, 46 teachers, and 75 staff members. Walsingham Elementary is a safe learning environment conducive to various learning styles so that students achieve their highest level, resulting in the realization of adequate yearly progress.

To accomplish this mission, Walsingham has 6 Goals:

- 1) Increase Reading scores by 5% to 56% students achieving at level 3 and above on FCAT;
- 2) Increase Mathematics scores by 5% to 53% students achieving at level 3 and above on FCAT;
- 3) Increase Science scores by 5% to 46% students achieving at level 3 and above on FCAT;
- 4) Increase Writing scores by 5% to 65% students achieving at level 3.5 and above on FCAT;
- 5) Close the achievement gap between Black and non-black students to our AMO 2014 targets which are additionally embedded within our academic goals;
- 6) Reduce the number and percent of discipline incidents for each student subgroup by 50%.

The core instructional strategies included in our action plans are: providing in-class modeling and coaching on a bi-weekly basis with a district coach during instruction time; utilizing data to differentiate and scaffold instruction; using research-based strategies in core instruction (e.g., 5E, Gradual Release, Text Dependent Questioning, Collaboration, Speaking and Listening, Content Enhancement); and utilizing project-based learning in appropriate settings.

The professional development efforts include the use of the LLC, literacy team, reading coach, as well as others to train and guide teachers in differentiating and scaffolding instruction.

The parent involvement efforts are a challenge for our school as many parents work during the school day. As a strategy to increase volunteer hours, the school is advertising in our monthly newsletter and inviting in business partners and other members from the community. We will also encourage parent/community involvement through various academic activities. These evening events will take place throughout the 2013-2014 school year.

For more information about Walsingham's School Improvement Plan, please go to our website at <http://www.walsingham-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us>