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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?

Rich Pond Elementary School is located in southern Warren County, a few miles outside of Bowling Green. Our school has PreK-6th grades utilizing 48 certified staff, 25 classified staff, and nine bus drivers. The southern part of Warren County is the fastest growing area in the district therefore, our enrollment is constantly increasing; this year, before the end of the first semester, we have grown by more than 50 students since the first day of school. Since the opening of nearby South Warren Middle and High Schools nine years ago, a number of our students attend out-of-district because their parents are teaching at these schools. Rich Pond is currently in the process of building a brand new facility that will open fall of 2022. Our percentage of free and reduced lunch students has qualified us as a Title I school for the past five years. These services are provided for targeted students in the areas of reading and math. A challenge we face is increasing the number of students demonstrating proficiency in reading and math while continuing to show growth for our students who are already proficient in reading and math.

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.

Behavior Interventions and Supports (P.B.I.S.). We strive to maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning, challenge students to work towards excellence, offer equal access to the common district curriculum (HMH), and instill a wholesome attitude toward democratic principles within each student. We are also proud to offer our students different clubs or organizations that they can be a part of. This gives students multiple opportunities to feel successful and involved.

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.

Rich Pond Elementary's academic achievements include being a Distinguished School based on the 2015 K-PREP scores, and a School of Distinction in 2016. In

2017 we were named a U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School. On the 2019 K-PREP, we had the highest proficiency scores in the WCPS district. Another notable achievement is that we are a Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports school. The universal procedures in place are highly effective and promote a positive environment conducive for learning. We also achieved Lighthouse status through the Leader in Me initiative. In doing so, we continue to foster leadership qualities of all students which research has shown will also increase academic achievement. There is a school-wide focus on closing the achievement gap for all of our at-risk populations. In addition to closing the gaps, Rich Pond is striving to increase academic growth for all students by focusing on state standards and offering a rigorous and relevant curriculum. Despite academic successes, Rich Pond is striving to improve student achievement in the areas of reading and math by increasing the number of students who score proficient and distinguished in those areas. Student growth and writing achievement are other identified areas of improvement for students.

Additional Information

CSI/TSI Schools (including ATSI) Only: Describe the procedures used to create the school's improvement plan and briefly state the specific efforts to address the causes of low student performance and resource inequities.

n/a

Additional Information

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

n/a

Attachment Summary

Attachment Name	Description	Associated Item(s)