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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?

Indian Hills Elementary School is a school located in Christian County, Kentucky. Christian County is situated on the Kentucky-Tennessee border in what is considered Western Kentucky. Christian County covers 724 square miles. The county is home to the incorporated towns of Crofton, Hopkinsville, Lafayette, Oak Grove, and Pembroke. Indian Hills Elementary School resides in the town of Hopkinsville. I

Indian Hills Elementary made a huge transition this summer. We moved from 313 Blane Drive to 434 Koffman Drive. We spent the entire summer transforming a middle school to elementary. Over the past several years, Indian Hills has been growing in enrollment, we are actually the fastest growing elementary school in the district. Due to our size, our school board made a transition plan for 6th grade to go back to middle school and move us to a larger facility with more space to accommodate our current needs.

At our new location, we service Kindergarten through 5th grade with a total of enrollment now at 685 students. This is an increase of 140 students from last year. Our demographics have also changed at our new location. We are currently at 38% Caucasian, 37% African American, 13% Hispanic, 12% two or more races or other. Approximately 70% of our students at Indian Hills quality for free and reduced lunch.

School Stakeholders

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

There are several stakeholder groups at Indian Hills that are involved in the improvement planning process. For starters, our administration team. Our principals work together to plan staffing, instruction, and continuous improvement for Indian Hills each year based on data and needs. Our teachers are part of this process by working in PLC"s, professional development, vertical planning and the MTSS process. We have our SBDM council who meets once a month to focus on student achievement, data and the needs at our school. Indian Hills has incorporated a staff advisory council made up of veteran and new staff members to discuss ways to improve and build up on the success at Indian Hills. We also have a student advisory to get the perspective of students on what is working well and what are some areas of focus at their level.

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School's Purpose

Provide the school's purpose statement and ancillary 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.

Our mission at Indian Hills School is for ALL students to become college and career ready by achieving proficiency through rigorous education in a safe and caring learning environment. Our vision at Indian Hills is for ALL students to become critical thinkers, lifelong learners, and productive members of society. Our teachers strive to reach every student through their own professional development, differentiation, use of technology, project-based learning, community partners, and through the use of multiple strategies and best practices

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.

There are several areas of improvements that we have seen in the last three years at Indian Hills. For one, we have moved our school from one location to another and have done it successfully. We have increased enrollment every year in the last 4 years. We have created a culture where students and families want to be here. In 2021-2022 school year, we set a baseline data for our new Kentucky Assessment. Reading and Math will always be areas of focus but we are showing some gradual gains each year. This past year we showed great gains in Math-this hasn't been done in several years. Social Studies, Science and On Demand Writing also set baseline data but have shown a significant increase in scores. After looking at our current data, these next three years will focus on maintaining growth in SS, Science and ODW. We will continue using INTO READING with fidelity in grades K-5. Math we will work on building capacity in our teachers with understanding the standards in order to deliver the content to the rigor and depth it needs to be taught to our students. This year we will put a heavy emphasis on Science and Social Studies K-5th. We know at Indian Hills we still have a lot of growth to make but we are very pleased in the direction we are going with the growth we are seeing with our students. We are also excited about our new location and the great opportunities we will have with the space we now have to accommodate our growing needs.

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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