



Executive Summary

Bath County

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Introduction

Every school system has its own story to tell. The context in which teaching and learning takes place influences the processes and procedures by which the school system makes decisions around curriculum, instruction, and assessment. The context also impacts the way a school system stays faithful to its vision. Many factors contribute to the overall narrative such as an identification of stakeholders, a description of stakeholder engagement, the trends and issues affecting the school system, and the kinds of programs and services that a school system implements to support student learning.

 The purpose of the Executive Summary (ES) is to provide a school system with an opportunity to describe in narrative form the strengths and challenges it encounters. By doing so, the public and members of the community will have a more complete picture of how the school system perceives itself and the process of self-reflection for continuous improvement. This summary is structured for the school system to reflect on how it provides teaching and learning on a day to day basis.

Description of the School System

Describe the school system'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 system serves?

Bath County School District is situated strategically on Interstate 64 at the gateway to Kentucky's beautiful Bluegrass Region within the Appalachian Mountains. Bath County Schools is comprised of four schools, Owingsville Elementary, Crossroads Elementary, Bath County Middle School and Bath County High School. The district enrollment averages around 2,165 students on any day. Within this total number of students our population is made up of fifty-two percent males and forty-eight percent females. The ethnicity makeup of our school district is predominantly white with a small percentage of Hispanic/Latino, Asian and African American students. Twelve percent of our population has IEP's for special need services. We have a seventy percent free and reduced lunch population. Our school district is one of the largest employers within our county.

Bath County is a very scenic county that consists of a lot of farm land. There are three cities within Bath County, Owingsville a fourth class city, Sharpsburg and Salt Lick which are classified as sixth class cities. The county seat of Bath County is Owingsville where three of our schools and district office are located. Our county has lost a couple of factories in the last few years, we have one factory present that is now expanding but our unemployment rate is still in the high range. We are seeing more and more of our students being raised by grandparents or other relatives due to several different factors. All of these play into the factor of our free and reduced numbers.

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System's Purpose

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

Bath School District has high expectations for all of its staff and students. It is our goal to become a top 10 school district by 2016. We operate our school on our district mission of : Every Adult Leads.....Every Child Succeeds. Our district vision takes in the standards of the SISI document and hits on all nine of the standards in that document. Our vision statement reads: 1. The Bath County School District will maintain a curriculum that is rigorous, aligned to the program of studies and the Kentucky Core Content, is rich with diversity, ties to real world, and is frequently monitored. The curriculum will be challenging and changing, based on the needs of the 21st Century student; 2. Students have a right to an education that is of the highest quality, thus an important element is the need for common authentic assessments. The Bath County School District will provide students with assessments that are both formative and summative. The assessments will be conducted using a variety of methods that includes the use of technology for the 21st Century; 3. The Bath County School District fosters a love of learning and provides a variety of instructional practices to cultivate student-centered and culturally responsive instructional strategies. Our classrooms will accommodate various learning styles, multiple intelligences, and will require our students to use higher-order thinking and problem solving skills; 4. The faculty/staff, students, families, and community will encourage and promote a culture of high expectations in academics and behavior for all. We will appreciate and support highly competent and committed faculty, support staff, administrators, and the board of education team. Our facilities will be well maintained, clean, safe, and fully functional. Professional learning communities are encouraged for non-teaching staff members, teaching staff members, and all stakeholders to routinely meet and resolve challenges in their area of responsibility; 5. The community of Bath County will work collaboratively with the school district to prepare our students to become life-long learners and productive members of our community and worldwide society. Through various organizations and our community leadership, we will provide the best support network to students and their families. We will promote student involvement in community activities and continue to recognize our community partners for their commitment to our children; 6. All adults (teaching and non-teaching) are leaders in the Bath County School District. As leaders, we will base all professional growth development on staff evaluations, reflective evaluations, professional growth plans/tools, student achievement data, and the comprehensive school improvement plans. Professional development will be a priority at both the school level and the district level; 7. The leadership of the Bath County School District will provide a commitment to student achievement, the mission, and the goals of the district. Leaders will seek research-based, proven effective resources to support a safe, healthy, orderly, and equitable learning environment for both students and staff; 8. The organization of the school district is a key component to success. The district leadership will pledge to monitor regularly all resources being used to meet learning needs of students; actively meet with school leadership to plan for learning opportunities, and be good stewards of our fiscal responsibilities; 9. In order to provide an efficient and effective educational system the Bath County School District and stakeholders will collaboratively develop improvement plans with measurable benchmarks, using data from multiple resources. We commit to maintaining a systematic and on-going process to measure the district's progress in achieving the goal. The mission and vision statements will be reviewed in the summer of 2013 pulling in all stakeholders ideas while taking in consideration college and career readiness.

Our vision and mission statements are under review and we are looking at a possible revisions coming soon - we are feeling confident that we will have them in place for the 14-15 school year.

Notable Achievements and Areas of Improvement

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

Our school district has been recognized or awarded the following in the last few years:

Safe Schools Priority Initiative

Operation Preparation

KY Literacy Collaborative

Renovations at OES

Early College Program - expanded college credit

3 new teachers to get Nationally Certified

All Schools now have STLP program

Summer Feeding Program

Our areas that we are working on diligently in our district are Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment being congruent with KCAS, Rtl, Literacy, College and Career Readiness and Graduation Rate

Additional Information

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

Bath County District is a small district that builds partnerships with it's community. We highly support our Chanber of Commerce, Extension Programs, 4-H, Boy and Girl Scouts, etc. The size of our district and county allows for a small knit community which allows it to have a family atmosphere. Our adminsitators and teachers have a great love for our students and their families as well as for each other. They can always count on each other to come out and support each other when the time arises.