SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2006-2007



School Name: 6921 - Lamar Louise Curry Middle School

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Region: Regional Center V

District: 13 - Miami-Dade

Principal: Caridad Montano

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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Lamar Louise Curry Middle School

Lamar Louise Curry Middle School is a newly established school located at 15750 SW 47th Street. The school was opened during the 2003-2004 school year. The school population is well over 1600 students with more than 90% comprised of Hispanic descent. The neighborhood consists mostly of single-family homes with small neighboring shopping areas. Approximately 49% of the student population is on Free or Reduced lunch. The students are serviced in all areas of the curriculum including ESOL, ESE, and Gifted. The school endeavors to maintain high standards by encouraging critical thinking and infusing technology into the classroom setting. Lamar Louise Curry Middle School is seeking authorization for the middle years of the International Baccalaureate Program. Lamar Louise Curry Middle School is an educational center where academic excellence, safety, and nurturing of students are the key words to success.

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Given instruction using the Sunshine State Standards, Students with Disabilities (SWD) subgroup will improve their reading skills as evidenced by a minimum of 51 percent of students scoring Level 3 or higher on the 2007 administration of the FCAT Reading Test.

Given instruction using the Sunshine State Standards, students in the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) subgroup will improve their reading skills as evidenced by 51 percent of students scoring Level 3 or higher on the 2007 administration of the FCAT Reading Test.

Given instruction using the Sunshine State Standards, students will increase their mathematics skills as evidenced by 74 percent of students scoring at Level 3 or above on the 2007 FCAT Mathematics Test.

Given instruction using the Sunshine State Standards, SWD subgroup will improve their mathematics skills as evidenced by 56 percent of students scoring at Level 3 or above on the 2007 FCAT Mathematics Test.

Given instruction using the Sunshine State Standards, LEP students will improve their mathematics skills as evidenced by 56 percent of students scoring at Level 3 or above on the 2007 FCAT Mathematics Test.

Given writing instruction based on the Sunshine State Standards, 93 percent of the students in grade eight will score at 3.5 or higher on the FCAT Writing Test.

Given science instruction using the Sunshine State Standards, 64.46 percent of students in grade eight will score at Level 3 or above on the 2007 FCAT Science Test.

Given an emphasis to School Board Rule 6Gx13-1B-1.011, Parental Involvement, 60 percent or more of Lamar Louise Curry Middle School parents will attend at least one school function during the 2006-2007 school year as evidenced by visitor and attendance logs.

Given an emphasis on a safe and orderly environment, student behavior will improve as evidenced by a decrease of 2 percent in the number of suspensions (indoor, outdoor) during the 2006-2007 school year, as compared to the 2005-2006 school year as documented by COGNOS data reports.

Given an emphasis on the use of technology in education, students in grades six through eight will increase their use of technology as evidenced by media center computer lab sign-in logs.

Given instruction based on the Miami-Dade County Public Schools mandated FITNESSGRAM standards, students in grades six through eight will improve their physical fitness skills as evidenced by 62 percent of students meeting FITNESSGRAM requirements of the gold and silver awards on the 2006-2007 administration of the test.

Given an emphasis on global awareness, 80 percent of students enrolled in foreign language classes at Lamar Louise Curry Middle School will participate in at least 3 presentations during the 2006-2007 school year.

Lamar Louise Curry Middle School will achieve a ranking on the State of Florida ROI index publication of at least 50th percentile on the next publication of the index.

Results of the Organizational Performance Improvement Snapshot revealed two areas for improvement. The two areas for improvement were: "7c- (rate of 4.0) I know how well my organization is doing financially," and 2a-(rate of 4.4) "As it plans for the future, my work location asks for my ideas." As it pertains to 7c, the school administration will conduct periodical budget inservices for the staff and the Educational Excellence School Advisory Council. The second area identified for improvement is 2a. In order to address this area, monthly Curriculum Council meetings will be conducted to further open the lines of communication among all school stakeholders.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

VISION

We are committed to provide educational excellence for all.

MISSION

We provide the highest quality education so that all of our students are empowered to lead productive and fulfilling lives as lifelong learners and responsible citizens.

CORE VALUES

Excellence

We pursue the highest standards in academic achievement and organizational performance.

Integrity

We build positive relationships through honesty, respect and compassion, which enhance the self-esteem, safety, and well-being of our students, families and staff.

Equity

We foster an environment that serves all students and aspires to eliminate the achievement gap.

Citizenship

We honor the diversity of our community by working as a team to ensure the educational success of all of our students and recognize that our obligations go beyond our professional responsibilities to promote democratic principles.

Lamar Louise Curry Middle School

VISION

In pursuit of prosperity, Lamar Louise Curry Middle School's vision is to empower students with a mature and comprehensive education that will benefit them and society. Our school will promote a culture of excellence, providing purposeful and enriching instruction, ensuring that each student will reach their optimal potential. Our school is committed to generating a spirit of leadership and positive self-concept. It is our goal to involve all stakeholders in accepting responsibility for achievement. It is our vision that the products of this educational institution exceed expectations allowing a global society to reap the rewards of our dedication.

MISSION

Our mission at Lamar Louise Curry Middle School is to empower students to become active members of our democratic society through an enriched academic, technological, artistic, safe and healthy social environment.

CORE VALUES

Lamar Louise Curry Middle School strives to offer the best learning environment for our students and our community by being a place where students, parents, teachers, and others feel at home in an atmosphere where they are welcome to express their ideas and put them into action.

Excellence

We strive for the highest standards in academic achievement, attendance, and attitude.

Equity

We cultivate an environment that is committed to serving and strive to eliminate all obstacles that may impede achievement.

Citizenship

We promote a unity of cultures by generating a spirit of leadership and positive self-confidence allowing for a global society.

School Demographics

Lamar Louise Curry Middle School is located on a 29-acre site and was founded in the 2003-2004 school year. The school serves over 1600 students from the surrounding neighborhood. A large number of students live within walking distance and reside in single-family homes with neighboring small shopping areas. The ethnic makeup of the student body is formed of 91.1% Hispanic, 1.6% White, 1.6 % Black, 3.3% Asian and 2.4% other. The students are serviced in all areas of the curriculum including ESOL, ESE, and Gifted. Lamar Louise Curry Middle School employs 116 full-time faculty and staff and 16 part-time staff members. The full-time employees include 4 administrators, 69 general education teachers, 7 Exceptional Student Education teachers, 1 Lead teacher, 4 counselors, 1 Media Specialist, 5 paraprofessionals, 1 computer specialist, 5 office clerks, 7 security monitors, 9 custodians, 1 cafeteria manager, 1 assistant manager. Of the 116 full-time employees, 4 are National Board Certified, 3 have Doctoral degrees, 3 hold Specialist degree, and 14 have Masters degree. The part-time employees include 7 office clerks, 3 security monitors and 6 cafeteria workers. The ethnic makeup of the faculty is 67.2% Hispanic, 19.7% White, 8.2% Black, 1.6% Asian and 3.3% other.

Lamar Louise Curry Middle School provides a curriculum that encourages critical thinking skills and the infusion of technology. The school is an "I Choose" school seeking approval for the middle years International Baccalaureate Program. The school has consistently placed among those with the highest percentages for attendance in the entire district. Students have received awards and recognition in the areas of writing, science, and the fine arts. The school has consistently surpassed student and teacher goals for the United Way campaign as well as participated in community service projects. Our first graduating class of eight graders resulted in many of the students being accepted to many different magnet programs throughout the county.

The school has developed a motto as being "Simply the Best" as part of the philosphy that permeates throught the building in order to maintain high standards in attendance, achievement, attitude and safety. The faculty and staff are committed to academic excellence. The students have responded positively, resulting as an "A" school status for two consecutive years. With the increasing enrollement and a current student capacity of 130% our goal is to continue on the path of high academic standards.

School Foundation

Leadership:

The Organizational Performance Improvement Snapshot Survey indicates staff confidence in the school's administrative leadership. On a scale of 1-5 the scores range from 4.8 to 4.5, resulting in an average of 4.7 for this category.

District Strategic Planning Alignment:

The Snapshot Survey indicates general satisfaction among the staff on this particular category. Our range on this category was 4.5 to 4.4. The question that scored 4.4 was 2a "as it plans for the future, my work location asks for my ideas." Members of the school community, instructional and non-instructional, feel empowered to share ideas and strategies to contribute towards reaching the common goals of our mission statement.

Stakeholder Engagement:

Lamar Louise Curry Middle School emphasizes a family approach in their dedication by providing a positive and enriching learning environment which has resulted in a high score of 4.6 in this section of the survey.

Faculty & Staff:

The school is externely proud of the results in this category because it directly reflects the team effort and family atmosphere of our entire staff. This category is overwhelmingly one of our highest with an average at 4.7. The item that received the highest score within this category was 5e - "I have a safe workplace" with a score of 4.9. We take pride in ensuring a safe learning environment for staff and students.

Lamar Louise Curry Middle School is proud of the collaboration among teachers, facilitates reflection and collegial sharing of best practices. New faculty and staff are mentored, supported and quickly become part of our educational school family.

Data/Information/Knowledge Management:

The snapshot survey indicates staff's beliefs about measurement, analysis and knowledge management of data. The overall score of 4.7 indicates strong agreement in the use of data to monitor student progress and implementation of our district's Continuous Improvement Model (Plan, Do, Study, Act).

Education Design:

The snapshot survey indicates an average score of 4.6 across all items. Lamar Louise Curry Middle School operates on a rotating block schedule. The media center opens before and after school in order to serve as an additional resource for students. An extensive tutorial program is offered before school for all students. The implementation and monitoring of the CIM enables the school's administration, faculty, and stakeholders to obtain academic success. Additionally, Lamar Louise Curry Middle School is in the final stages of candidacy as International Baccalaureate Middle Year Programme.

Performance Results:

The snapshot survey indicates an average score of 4.6 in this category. Even though the average score was among the highest, it is in this category that the school received a 4.0 in question 7c -"I know how well my work location is doing financially." In order to address this item, budget training meetings will be held with EESAC and faculty.

GOAL 1: READING

Alignment of Objective to the Florida Department of Education and the District Strategic Plan

Florida Education Priorities (1000.3(5)(a)-(f), F.S.)

Learning and completion at all levels, including increased high school graduation and readiness for postsecondary education	Student Performance	Alignment of Standards and Resources	Educational Leadership	Workforce Education	Parental, Student, Family, Educational Institution, and Community Involvement
X	X	X			

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students.	compete in the global economy.	maintaining high student	and high ethical standards.	motivated faculty and staff.
		achievement.		
X	X	X		

GOAL 1 STATEMENT:

Given reading instruction, students will improve the necessary skills to increase their reading proficiency to meet state standards in reading.

Needs Assessment

Results of the 2006 FCAT Reading test indicate that 75 percent of students performed at or above achievement Level 3 and that 74 percent demonstrated learning gains. Test results also indicate that 78 percent of the students in the lowest 25 percent demonstrated learning gains. Additionally, 29 percent of SWD scored at Level 3 and above. Finally, 36 percent of our Limited English Proficiency students scored at Level 3 and above. Comparison of scores shows that all students are performing lower in the areas of Reference/Research and Main Idea/Purpose.

NCLB SUBGROUP TARGET

TOTAL	WHITE	BLACK	HISPANIC	ASIAN	NATIVE AMERICAN	F/R LUNCH	LEP	SWD	LEVEL I	LOWEST 25%	OTHER	GRADUATIO N RATE
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Action Steps

	PERSONS RESPONSIBLE	TIME	LINE		
STRATEGIES	(Identify by titles)	START	END	ALIGNMENT	BUDGET
Provide additional Scholastic Reading XL	Assistant Principal for Curriculum	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	District-wide	\$6500.00
material to utilize the research based program	Reading Teachers			literacy plan	
in all Reading Level 1 and 2 classes in grades					
six through eight.					
Implement the Accelerated Reading Program	Principal	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	District-wide	\$0.00
through the Language Arts Classes for all	AP for Curriculum			literacy plan	
students in grades six through eight.	Media Spec.				
	Language Arts Department Chair				
	Language Arts Teachers				
Add a reading leader to monitor the District	Principal	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	District-wide	\$50868.00
Literacy Plan as it relates to all aspects of the				literacy plan	
school's reading program.					
Implement a before school reading academy	Assistant Principal	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	Continuous	\$12000.00
to provide reading tutoring/remediation for	Reading Teachers			Improvement Model	
students performing in the lowest 25% in					
grades six through eight.					
Provide an additional teacher to the reading	Assist Principal for Curriculum	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	District Strategic	\$50867.00
department to reduce the number of students	Reading Teachers			Plan	
in FCAT reading classes for all Level 1 and 2					
students in grades six through eight.					
Provide benchmark assessments throughout	Principal	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	Continuous	\$0.00
the year and analyze results using the	AP for Curriculum			Improvement Model	
Continuous Improvement Model (CIM).	Language Arts Department Chair				
	Language Arts Teachers				

Continue to incorporate FCAT style questions throughout the curriculum for all students in Level 3 and above.	Administrative Team Teachers	9/18/2006	5/2/2007	District Strategic Plan	\$0.00
Implement during block scheduling the Read 180 program to SWD in intensive reading classes and evaluate each semester.	Principal AP for Curriculum Reading Teachers	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	District Strategic Plan	\$0.00
Provide additional Read 180 licenses to afford all FCAT Reading Level 1 and students in intensive plus classes the opportunity to use the program.	Assistant Principal for Curriculum Reading Teachers	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	District-wide literacy plan	\$65000.00
Identify and place all sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students scoring Level 1 and 2 in the FCAT Reading Test in intensive reading classes during the school day according to the requirements of the comprehensive reading plan.	Principal AP for Curriculum Department Chair for Student Services	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	District-wide literacy plan	\$0.00

Research-Based Programs

Several resarch-based programs will be utilized to ensure successful implementation of our School Improvement Plan. The school will use the Read 180, Soar to Success, the Scholastic Read XL and the Accelerated Reader.

Professional Development

Provide professional development that will include training in CRISS strategies, PLATO, Read 180, Accelerated Reading and sharing of best practices.

Evaluation

Evaluation will include District quarterly assessments, in-house benchmark assessments, MAZE, CELLA, and the 2007 FCAT Reading test. All tutorial programs will be evaluated through a pre-test, progress test and post test.

GOAL 2: MATHEMATICS

Alignment of Objective to the Florida Department of Education and the District Strategic Plan

Florida Education Priorities (1000.3(5)(a)-(f), F.S.)

Learning and completion at all levels, including increased high school graduation and readiness for postsecondary education	Student Performance	Alignment of Standards	Educational Leadership	Workforce Education	Parental, Student, Family, Educational Institution, and Community Involvement
X	X	X			

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		achievement.		
X	X	X		

GOAL 2 STATEMENT:

Given mathematics instruction students will make annual learning gains sufficient to acquire the knowledge, skills, and competency to master state standards in mathematics.

Needs Assessment

Results of the 2006 FCAT Mathematics Test indicate that 72 percent of students performed at or above achievement level 3 and that 74 percent demonstrated learning gains. Additionally, the FCAT mathematics results indicate that 23 percent of the SWD subgroup scored Level 3 and above, while 36 percent of the LEP subgroup scored at Level 3 and above. Finally, the scores reveal that additional instruction is needed in Measurement and Algebraic Thinking.

NCLB SUBGROUP TARGET

TOTAL	WHITE	BLACK	HISPANIC	ASIAN	NATIVE AMERICAN	F/R LUNCH	LEP	SWD	LEVEL I	LOWEST 25%	OTHER	GRADUATIO N RATE
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Given instruction using the Sunshine State Standards, LEP students will improve their mathematics skills as evidenced by 56 percent of students scoring at Level 3 or above on the 2007 FCAT Mathematics Test.

Action Steps

	PERSONS RESPONSIBLE	TIME	ELINE		
STRATEGIES	(Identify by titles)	START	END	ALIGNMENT	BUDGET
Implement the use of graphing calculators in all mathematics classes.	Assistant Principal for Curriculum Mathematics Department Chairperson Mathematics Teachers	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	Continuous Improvement Model	\$20000.00
Infuse FCAT Mathematics formatted questions throughout the year in all mathematics classes.	Principal AP for Curriculum Department Chair for Mathematics Mathematics Teachers	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	District Strategic Plan	\$0.00
Implement a before-school Mathematics Academy to provide mathematics tutoring/remediation for students performing in the lowest 25% in grades six through eight.	Assistant Principal for Curriculum Mathematics teachers	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	Continuous Improvement Model	\$12000.00
Provide benchmark assessment throughout the year and analyze results using the Continuous Improvement Model (CIM).	Principal Assistant Principal for Curriculum Mathematics Chairpersons Mathematics	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	Continuous Improvement Model	\$0.00
Continue to incorporate short response questions into the everyday delivery of the lessons for all students in Level 3 and above.	Administrative Team Teachers	9/18/2006	4/24/2007	District Strategic Plan	\$0.00
Continue utilization of the Competency- Based Curriculum and the Sunshine State Standards including the district provided scope and sequence for all NCBL subgroups.	Principal AP for Curriculum Department Chair for Mathematics Mathematics Teachers	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	District Strategic Plan	\$0.00
Provide professional development for mathematics teachers on the use of Student Performance Indicators (SPI) and Data Driven Instruction.	Principal AP for Curriculum	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	District Strategic Plan	\$0.00
Utilize computer-assisted instruction in	Principal	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	District Strategic	\$0.00

mathematics to provide practice in problem	AP for Curriculum	Plan	
solving to LEP and SWD students.	Department Chair for Mathematics		
	Mathematics Teachers		

Research-Based Programs

Several research-based programs will be utilized to ensure successful implementation of our School Improvement Plan. Utilization of the state-adopted mathematics textbooks - Glencoe Mathematic Program, PLATO and Riverdeep.

Professional Development

In an effort to increase the use of data analysis all teachers will be trained on the use of Web Student Performance Indicators (SPI). Sharing of Best Practices will be achieved through weekly department meetings. Finally, Mathematics Course Recovery (PLATO) software training will be held for teachers to instruct them in the most effective way to utilize the software in the classroom.

Evaluation

District quarterly assessments will be administered to ensure that appropriate progress is being made by all students. Tutorial programs will be evaluated via progress tests for each of the benchmarks. The results of the 2007 FCAT test will be used to assess student progress.

GOAL 3: WRITING

Alignment of Objective to the Florida Department of Education and the District Strategic Plan

Florida Education Priorities (1000.3(5)(a)-(f), F.S.)

-1	Learning and completion at all levels, including increased high school graduation and readiness for postsecondary education	Student Performance	Alignment of Standards and Resources	Educational Leadership	Workforce Education	Parental, Student, Family, Educational Institution, and Community Involvement
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		achievement.		
X	X	X		

GOAL 3 STATEMENT:

Given writing instruction, students will improve the necessary skills to increase the writing proficiency level to meet state standards in writing.

Needs Assessment

Based on the 2006 FCAT score results, 93 percent of students will continue to maintain their writing scores at 3.5.

NCLB SUBGROUP TARGET

TOTAL	WHITE	BLACK	HISPANIC	ASIAN	NATIVE AMERICAN	F/R LUNCH	LEP	SWD	LEVEL I	LOWEST 25%	OTHER	GRADUATIO N RATE
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Given writing instruction based on the Sunshine State Standards, 93 percent of the students in grade eight will score at 3.5 or higher on the FCAT Writing Test.

Action Steps

STRATEGIES	PERSONS RESPONSIBLE	TIME	LINE	ALIGNMENT	BUDGET
STRITEGIES	(Identify by titles)	START	END	TETOT WILLY	Debger
Provide a pre, progress, and post writing test	Principal	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	Continuous	\$0.00
to all students and provide appropriate	AP for Curriculum			Improvement Model	
remediation.	Language Arts Department Chair				
Provide in-service opportunities for all	Principal	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	District Strategic	\$0.00
content area teachers on using the FCAT	AP for Curriculum			Plan	
Writing rubric.	Language Arts Department Chair				
	Language Arts Teachers				
Implement a Friday writing Academy to	Assistant Principal for Curriculum	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	Continuous	\$12000.00
provide remediation for selected students in	Language Arts Teachers			Improvement Model	
eighth grade needing the most improvement					
with their writing skills.					
Provide in-service opportunities for all	Principal	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	District Strategic	\$0.00
content area teachers on FCAT Writing	AP for Curriculum			Plan	
Strategies.	Language Arts Department Chair				
	Language Arts Teachers				
Provide in-service training for teachers in	Assistant Principal for Curriculum	9/27/2006	4/26/2007	District Strategic	\$0.00
CRISS and the use of SPI.	Language Arts Deptartment Chair			Plan	

Research-Based Programs

The research-based program will be the Glencoe- writing textbook. Furthermore CRISS training will be implemented in all classes.

Professional Development

In an effort to maintain our school's writing scores, teachers will be trained on the use of SPI, CRISS training and holistic grading.

Evaluation

A pre-test will be administered in the Fall of 2006 to establish a base line and a post-test will be administered in the Spring of 2007 to monitor progress. Finally, the results of the 2007 FCAT Writing Test will serve as a measuring tool.

GOAL 4: SCIENCE

Alignment of Objective to the Florida Department of Education and the District Strategic Plan

Florida Education Priorities (1000.3(5)(a)-(f), F.S.)

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		achievement.		
X	X			

GOAL 4 STATEMENT:

Given science instruction, students will improve their science proficiency skills to meet state standards in Science.

Needs Assessment

Results of the 2006 FCAT Science scores indicate that 39 percent of eighth grade students scored at Level 3 and above. Additionally, the 2006 FCAT Science test data reveals that the eighth grade mean scale score for Lamar Louise Curry Middle School was 302. This score is 32 points higher than the District's eighth grade mean scale score of 270. These scores also reveal that improvement needs to take place in the areas of Physical and Chemical Science.

Given science instruction using the Sunshine State Standards, 64.46 percent of students in grade eight will score at Level 3 or above on the 2007 FCAT Science Test.

Action Steps

	PERSONS RESPONSIBLE	TIME	LINE		
STRATEGIES	(Identify by titles)	START	END	ALIGNMENT	BUDGET
Utilize the Competency-Based Curriculum and the Sunshine State Standards including	Principal AP for Curriculum	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	District Strategic	\$0.00
the district provided scope and sequence.	Science Department Chair				
Participate in district-wide competitions in which students can demonstrate their science	Principal AP for Curriculum	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	District Strategic	\$0.00
knowledge.	Science Department Chair Science Teachers				
Improve test taking skills for the science FCAT by implementing FCAT strategies and using FCAT formatted tests.	Principal AP for Curriculum Science Department Chair	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	District Strategic Plan	\$0.00
Implement the use of United Streaming in Science classes to increase critical thinking skills and the use of technology.	Science teachers	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	Continuous Improvement Model	\$3000.00
Perform lab experiments that require collecting, organizing, graphing and interpreting data as evidenced through science teachers' lesson plans.	Principal AP for curriculum Science Department Chair	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	District Strategic Plan	\$0.00
Implement an FCAT Science countdown, where students will answer sample FCAT questions at the beginning of each class.	Assistant Principal for Curriculum Science Department Chairperon Science Teachers	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	Continuous Improvement Model	\$0.00

Research-Based Programs

Several research-based programs will be utilized to ensure successful implementation of our School Improvement Plan. Some of the programs that will be used are the state adopted Science Textbook-Glencoe, United Streaming.

Professional Development

In an effort to increase the use of data analysis all teachers will be trained on the use of Web Student Performance Indicators (SPI). Sharing of Best Practices will be achieved through weekly department meetings.

Evaluation

A pre-test in the Fall of 2006 and a post-test in the Spring of 2007 will be used to monitor progress. In addition, the students progress will be monitored through the implementation of monthly and quaterly benchmark assessments. Also, the results of the 2007 FCAT Science Test will serve as a form of evaluation.

GOAL 5: PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Alignment of Objective to the Florida Department of Education and the District Strategic Plan

Florida Education Priorities (1000.3(5)(a)-(f), F.S.)

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	X	X			X

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		achievement.		
	X	X		

GOAL 5 STATEMENT:

Lamar Louise Curry Middle School will increase parental involvement by fostering a home-school partnership that focuses on communication and accessibility.

Needs Assessment

District statistics show that there is a decrease in parental involvement between the elementary school and middle schools grades. Tabulations of the sign-in logs for Parental Involvement in school wide activities indicated that 56 percent of the targeted groups attended at least one activity. However, the school will continue to emphasize the importance of parental involvement.

Given an emphasis to School Board Rule 6Gx13-1B-1.011, Parental Involvement, 60 percent or more of Lamar Louise Curry Middle School parents will attend at least one school function during the 2006-2007 school year as evidenced by visitor and attendance logs.

Action Steps

	PERSONS RESPONSIBLE	TIME	ELINE		
STRATEGIES	(Identify by titles)	START	END	ALIGNMENT	BUDGET
Conduct a parent orientation for incoming sixth grade students. (PTA Std. I)	Principal Assistant Principals Student Services Department	08/01/2006	08/14/2006	Community Partnerships	\$0.00
Invite parents to participate in award ceremonies honoring the achievements of Lamar Louise Curry Middle School students. (PTA Std. I)	Principal Assistant Principals	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	Community Partnerships	\$0.00
Provide in-service activities for parents focusing on academic learning and parenting strategies. (PTA Std. II)	Principal Assistant Principals Student Services Department	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	Community Partnerships	\$0.00
Advertise all PTSA sponsored activities to parents via flyers, school calendar and school website. (PTA Std. VI)	Principal Assistant Principal PTSA President	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	Community Partnerships	\$0.00
Create a link to the Parent Academy on the school's website to provide parents with the latest school and district-wide initiatives. (PTA Std. I)	Principal Assistant Principals	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	Community Partnerships	\$0.00
Create a school site resource center for parents in order to maintain parents informed of district course offerings. (PTA Std. I - VI)	Principal Assistant Principals	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	Community Partnerships	\$0.00

Research-Based Programs

The school will continue to use the National Standards for Parent and Family Involvement Program (PTSA). In addition, the Parent Academy will be utilized to increase parental involvement.

Professional Development

The school will conduct monthly EESAC Meetings and parent inservices.

Evaluation

The school will utilize sign-in logs for all parent activities at the school site.

GOAL 6: DISCIPLINE & SAFETY

Alignment of Objective to the Florida Department of Education and the District Strategic Plan

Florida Education Priorities (1000.3(5)(a)-(f), F.S.)

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	X	X	X	X	X

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	X	X	X	

GOAL 6 STATEMENT:

Lamar Louise Curry Middle School will decrease the number of outdoor/indoor suspensions.

Needs Assessment

Results of COGNOS report indicate that a total of 7.54 percent of incidents resulting in outdoor suspensions and 22.98 percent of incidents resulting in indoor suspension took place at Lamar Louise Curry Middle School during the 2005-2006 school year.

Given an emphasis on a safe and orderly environment, student behavior will improve as evidenced by a decrease of 2 percent in the number of suspensions (indoor, outdoor) during the 2006-2007 school year, as compared to the 2005-2006 school year as documented by COGNOS data reports.

Action Steps

CED A PECIES	PERSONS RESPONSIBLE	TIME	LINE	AT TONIMENUE	DUDGET
STRATEGIES	(Identify by titles)	START	END	ALIGNMENT	BUDGET
Maintain attendance logs for all students	Principal	10/18/2006	05/30/2007	District Strategic	\$0.00
attending group counseling sessions.	Assistant Principals			Plan	
	Student Services Department				
Add two security monitors to maintain and	Principal	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	District Strategic	\$40000.00
reduce potential disruptive conduct and	Assistant Principals			Plan	
bullying.	-				
Purchase one counselor to increase the	Principal	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	District Strategic	\$50868.00
opportunities for group counseling sessions in	Assistant Principal			Plan	
efforts to reduce student case management	-				
reports.					
Conduct monthly departmental meetings to	Principal	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	District Strategic	\$0.00
discuss topics to incorporate in house group	Assistant Principals			Plan	
counseling sessions.	Student Services Department				
Develop a meeting schedule for targeted	Principal	10/18/2006	05/30/2007	District Strategic	\$0.00
students.	Assistant Principals			Plan	70.00
stadents.	Student Services Department			1 Iun	
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Conduct group intervention counseling	Principal	10/18/2006	05/30/2007	District Strategic	\$0.00
sessions with targeted group and analyze	Assistant Principals			Plan	
results.	Student Services Department				
Identify students experiencing	Principal	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	District Strategic	\$0.00
academic/behavioral problems each marking	Assistant Principals			Plan	
period.	Student Services Department				

Research-Based Programs

The programs that will be implemented at Lamar Louise Curry Middle School this year are the Continuous Improvement Model (CIM), and the District's Secondary Student Code of Conduct.

Professional Development

Provide beginning teachers with classroom management inservices. Conduct Safe Crisis Management Training for teachers.

Evaluation

Results of the 2006-2007 Student Case Management System Executive Summary report from COGNOS and the MEP Scorecard.

GOAL 7: TECHNOLOGY

Alignment of Objective to the Florida Department of Education and the District Strategic Plan

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X	X			

GOAL 7 STATEMENT:

Given technology instruction, students will improve their computer skills in order to incorporate technology in their classroom assignments.

Needs Assessment

A review of the master schedule revealed an increase in student enrollment, reducing the classroom space availability. This resulted in a need for converting computer labs space into standard classrooms.

Given an emphasis on the use of technology in education, students in grades six through eight will increase their use of technology as evidenced by media center computer lab sign-in logs.

Action Steps

	PERSONS RESPONSIBLE	TIME	CLINE		
STRATEGIES	(Identify by titles)	START	END	ALIGNMENT	BUDGET
Create student logs to document technology use in the classrooms.	Principal Assistant Principals	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	District Strategic	\$0.00
Provide staff development for teachers in the use of computer aided instruction such as Riverdeep, FCAT Explorer and School Performance Indicators (SPI).	Principal Assistant Principals	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	District Strategic Plan	\$0.00
Provide teachers with passwords needed to utilize the district resources and on-line databases.	Principal Assistant Principals Computer Specialist	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	District Strategic Plan	\$0.00
Utilize the media center as a computer lab to incorporate the use of technology within lessons as evidenced through students' sign-in logs.	Principal Assistant Principal	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	District Strategic Plan	\$0.00
Assure that the necessary technology resources are in place in all classes involved, such as access to Riverdeep, Edusoft, and wireless lab.	Principal Assistant Principals	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	District Strategic Plan	\$0.00

Research-Based Programs

National Education Technology Standards.

Professional Development

Workshops that will incorporate the use of technology in the classroom, such as: Riverdeep and SPI. Sharing of best technology use in the classroom during departmental meetings. Provide training to beginning teachers on SPI and how to sign on for professional development courses.

Evaluation

Student technology sign-in logs.

GOAL 8: HEALTH & PHYSICAL FITNESS

Alignment of Objective to the Florida Department of Education and the District Strategic Plan

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X	X			

GOAL 8 STATEMENT:

Given health and physical fitness instruction, students will improve their physical fitness skills needed to meet the FITNESSGRAM requirements.

Needs Assessment

An analysis of the data reveals that 60 percent of the students in the Physical Education program during the 2005-2006 school year received the gold/silver awards on the FITNESSGRAM test. The results also indicate that more students need instruction on health and fitness.

Given instruction based on the Miami-Dade County Public Schools mandated FITNESSGRAM standards, students in grades six through eight will improve their physical fitness skills as evidenced by 62 percent of students meeting FITNESSGRAM requirements of the gold and silver awards on the 2006-2007 administration of the test.

Action Steps

	PERSONS RESPONSIBLE	TIMELINE			
STRATEGIES	(Identify by titles)	START	END	ALIGNMENT	BUDGET
Provide Nutrition instruction in all physical	Principal	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	District Strategic	\$0.00
education classes to better inform the students	Assistant Principals			Plan	
how to improve body composition.	Physical Education Teachers				
Involve all physical education classes with	Principal	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	District Strategic	\$0.00
stretching and cardio-vascular activities on a	Assistant Principals			Plan	
daily basis.	Physical Education Teachers				
Provide incentives for good performance in	Principal	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	District Strategic	\$0.00
physical education classes in efforts to	Assistant Principal			Plan	
motivate students to perform their best.	Physical Education Teachers				
Incorporate lessons in the physical education	Principal	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	District Strategic	\$0.00
classes to include proper exercise techniques	Assistant Principal			Plan	
	Physical Education Teachers				
Create a data analysis report identifying areas	Principal	08/14/2006	10/18/2006	District Strategic	\$0.00
needing improvement as indicated by a	Assistant Principal			Plan	
fitness pretest.	Physical Education Teachers				

Research-Based Programs

FITNESSGRAM Program.

Professional Development

Teacher and staff will take advantage of District level physical education in-services.

Evaluation

The administration of the 2006-2007 FITNESSGRAM test will serve as the form of evaluation.

GOAL 9: ELECTIVES & SPECIAL AREAS

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X	X			

GOAL 9 STATEMENT:

Increase the number of presentations conducted by students enrolled in Foreign Language classes.

Needs Assessment

Informal assessments conducted with teachers revealed that the number of students participating in community service hours and conducting presentations was low.

Given an emphasis on global awareness, 80 percent of students enrolled in foreign language classes at Lamar Louise Curry Middle School will participate in at least 3 presentations during the 2006-2007 school year.

Action Steps

PERSONS RESPONSIBLE	TIMELINE			
(Identify by titles)	START	END	ALIGNMENT	BUDGET
Student Services	9/18/2006	5/1/2007	District Strategic	\$0.00
Foreign Language Teachers			Plan	
Student Services	10/9/2006	5/1/2007	District Strategic	\$0.00
Foreign Language Department			Plan	
Chair				
Student Services	1/22/2007	5/3/2007	District Strategic	\$0.00
Foreign Language Department			Plan	
Chair				
Principal	08/01/2006	08/14/2006	District Strategic	\$0.00
Assistant Principals			Plan	
Principal	08/01/2006	08/14/2006	District Strategic	\$0.00
Assistant Principals			Plan	
IB Lead Teacher	10/3/2006	4/27/2007	District Strategic	\$0.00
IB Teachers			Plan	
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Research-Based Programs

Continuous Improvement Model (CIM). Utilization of state adopted foreign language textbooks.

Professional Development

Sharing of best practices during weekly departmental meetings. Teachers will attend District meetings and workshops.

Evaluation

This objective will be evaluated using sign-in logs of students presentations.

GOAL 10: RETURN ON INVESTMENT

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			X	

GOAL 10 STATEMENT:

Lamar Louise Curry Middle School will rank at or above the 50th percentile statewide in the ROI index of value and cost effectiveness of its programs.

Needs Assessment

The most recent data supplied from the FLDOE indicate that in 2005 there was not enough data to provide a rank.

Lamar Louise Curry Middle School will achieve a ranking on the State of Florida ROI index publication of at least 50th percentile on the next publication of the index.

Action Steps

STRATEGIES	PERSONS RESPONSIBLE (Identify by titles)	TIME	CLINE END	ALIGNMENT	BUDGET
Collaborate with the district on resource allocation.	Principal Assistant Principals		05/30/2007	District Strategic	\$0.00
Consider reconfiguration of existing resources or taking advantage of a broader resource base, e.g. private foundations, volunteer networks.	Principal Assistant Principals	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	Community Partnerships	\$0.00
Consider the shared use of facilities, partnering with community agencies.	Principal Assistant Principal	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	Community Partnerships	\$0.00
Provide information to the faculty and staff in regards to how the return on investment is calculated.	Principal Assistant Principals	08/14/2006	05/30/2007	District Strategic Plan	\$0.00

Research	-Based	Programs
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Not Applicable.

Professional Development

Not Applicable.

Evaluation

On the next State of Florida ROI index publication, Lamar Louise Curry Middle School will show progress toward reaching the 50th percentile.

EESAC Compliance

YES	NO	
X		The majority of the Board of Directors/EESAC members are not employed by the school. The Board of Directors SAC is composed of the principal, and an appropriately balanced number of teachers, education support employees, students (for middle, junior high and high school only), parents, and other business and community citizens who are representative of the ethnic, racial, and economic community served by the school.

Budget:

EESAC recommends that mini-budget training be provided to EESAC members.

Training:

EESAC recommends that staff development be included in the strategies of the School Improvement Plan.

Instructional Materials:

EESAC recommends that funds be provided to purchase instructional materials and incentives for students.

Technology:

EESAC recommends that technology be included in the strategies of the School Improvement Plan.

Staffing:

EESAC recommends that all vacant positions be filled as quickly as possible.

Student Support Services:

EESAC recommends that emphasis be placed on increasing the student conflict management counseling sessions.

Other Matters of Resource Allocation:

EESAC recommends that additional information and opportunities be made available to teachers such as grant opportunities.

Benchmarking:

EESAC recommends that benchmarking activities be included in the strategies of the School Improvement Plan.

School Safety & Discipline:

EESAC recommends that the Student Services Department continues its implementation of non-violence approach through classroom visitations and group counseling.

Budget Summary

BY GOAL	TOTAL BUDGET
Goal 1: Reading	\$185,235.00
Goal 2: Mathematics	\$32,000.00
Goal 3: Writing	\$12,000.00
Goal 4: Science	\$3,000.00
Goal 5: Parental Involvement	\$0.00
Goal 6: Discipline & Safety	\$90,868.00
Goal 7: Technology	\$0.00
Goal 8: Health & Physical Fitness	\$0.00
Goal 9: Electives & Special Areas	\$0.00
Goal 10: Return On Investment	\$0.00
Total:	\$323,103.00

This School Improvement Plan has been developed cooperatively by administrators, teachers, parents, students, and business/community representatives.

The original signature page, including signatures of all persons listed below, is on file at the Region Office.

Required Signatures:	
Principal	
EESAC Chair	
UTD Steward	
EESAC Parent Representative	
EESAC Business/Community Representative	
EESAC Student Representative, as applicable	

Additionally, the signature of the Region Superintendent/District Administrator certifies that this plan has been reviewed by appropriate personnel to ensure compliance with state and district rules.

Region Superintendent