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Colony Elementary School

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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?

Colony is a rural community school with an enrollment of approximately 350 students in grades Pre-K through 5. Colony has approximately 50 certified and classified staff. The students are somewhat transient both within and outside of the district and the approximately 80% of students at Colony receive Free/Reduced Lunch. In 2010 Colony received a major renovation with several classrooms added. Colony is located on Somerset Road in the western part of Laurel County approximately three miles from the city of London. The school is surrounded by some businesses that have located outside of the city. The community is a stable community and many of the students' parents, and grandparents attended Colony School. Colony has very little diversity. The Colony community, like many other communities today, face challenges such as few employment opportunities, increased drug use, and students being raised in multi-generational families. Despite these challenges, the community is supportive of the school and the extra-curricular activities that it offers

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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.

Colony Elementary is committed to providing a child-centered environment with the goal of providing a strong academic, social, and emotional foundation for all students to be successful citizens in the future. Colony's staff is committed to providing a comprehensive instructional program with systematic monitoring of student progress to meet the overall needs of its students. The instructional and support staff dedicate themselves to maintaining high achievement and success. Colony's staff is cognizant that unless our students receive a high quality education, many of them will be doomed to a life of low socio-economics status. With this in mind, Colony has made tremendous progress in recent years, becoming a Distinguished School in 2014 - 2015 and maintaining the Distinguished label for the past three years. We must continue to make improvements in order to be more successful and provide the best education possible for all students.

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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.

Colony is accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The school offers extra-curricular activities such as Basketball, Cheerleading, Academic Team, and HSBC's Junior Achievement Program. In addition, the relatively new archery program has as many as 60 weekly student participants and has begun competing in local archery tournaments. All school activities are well attended by parents and community members. Over the past three years, Colony has shown tremendous growth in student achievement. Based on KDE reporting of KPREP data, in 2012 - 2013, Colony Elementary was considered a Needs Improvement school ranking in the 28th

percentile of all elementary schools in Kentucky. In 2013-2014, Colony showed much improvement and was considered a Proficient elementary school, ranking in the 70th percentile of all elementary schools in the state. From 2014-2015 to 2016-2017, Colony has been in the 90th percentile or higher each year and has been rated a Distinguished school. In addition to academic success, we were a TELL Kentucky Winner's Circle recipient in 2017 for making dramatic improvements in working conditions over the previous two years. We continue to seek improvements in all areas because our students deserve the best we can give them.

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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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