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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?

Carter City Elementary is located in rural northeastern part of Carter County. The community of Carter City is rural with few businesses that serve the area. We have approximately 150 students including preschool enrolled this year. Our student population is somewhat transient with students moving in and out of the area. The school is about 70% free and reduced lunch with limited resources to pull from the community. Our staff includes nine full-time teachers, three half-time teachers, four part-time itinerant teachers (art, music, librarian, and counseling), one part-time speech therapist, three full-time instructional assistants, two part-time preschool instructional assistants, two cooks, and two custodians. We have a beautiful building that is nine years old and well maintained. The school has a lot of traditions that date back to the old school which was opened in the early 1940s. Many of the people that went to school there are now involved with the new school through their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The entire school system is faced with the challenges of high poverty, drug abuse, broken homes, children being raised by grandparents, parents being incarcerated, and an increasing number of students who require special education services. Our school is no exception. We are fortunate that we have a low student-teacher ratio and are able to reach and know each child. In 2020 Carter City Elementary was recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School. We take a lot of pride in our school and continue to strive to be exceptional!

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.

The purpose of Carter City Elementary is to provide a high quality education that is second to none. Our district's vision is the Standard of Excellence. Our school mission is Creating a Community that Exemplifies Success and our vision is Challenging All to Succeed. We have high expectations for all students to achieve academically and develop skills and characteristics that will help them as they advance their education and life vocations. The staff and programs CCES embodies this vision by providing classes that are standard driven, utilize high-yield and research-based best practices, employ the use of Kagan cooperative learning structures, include response to intervention, and motivate students by building relationships that a small school atmosphere is able to provide. In our school, everyone knows everybody by their name.

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.

Carter City Elementary has risen from a school classified as "Needs Improvement" in 2013 to being recognized as a Exemplary High Performing National Blue Ribbon School in 2020.

Additional Information

CSI/TSI (including ATSI) Schools 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)
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