

Part B:

Summary of Green School Activities:

South Olive Elementary is a representation of a Green School for many different reasons. South Olive Elementary School offers various programs which help students to be successful and lifelong learners. It is comprised of 705 devoted students willing to learn and 80 dedicated teachers and staff members. After launching this program at our school, there were many teachers already implementing green activities in their classroom. Many of the programs already in place at our school were eco-friendly. As we informed fellow teachers and co-workers of our efforts to become a Green School, we were welcomed with many staff members' support with making this vision a reality. Members of our school already have participated in some way to help make South Olive a Green School, whether it is practicing green initiatives or educating about green principles. We have teachers educating students in the classroom, students actively participating in green friendly activities, and custodial staff helping out with recycling. We also have a supportive administration offering knowledgeable guidance and assistance in any way possible. Parents of the students are proactively participating by contacting teachers with great ideas and offering to help with activities. Local business partners have helped to fund green programs to promote green initiatives at our school. The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) has funded and organized many of the programs offered at our school. Together we have worked hard and have come together as a team to launch a successful green program. Our goal is to become a role model for other schools in our area, and educate our local community about the importance of protecting the environment through green principles and practices. Throughout this application we have highlighted many of the existing programs at our school, in addition to new programs this year, and programs we hope to implement in the 2015-2016 school year.

Our main accomplishment has been our recycling program where teachers and students work together to recycle school waste. Additionally, we offer clubs sponsored by staff members to teach students the importance of protecting the environment and sustainability. Students in grades K-5 are given an opportunity to join clubs such as the "Going Green Club" where they can learn about gardening, energy, the environment, recycling, water conservation, and many other important topics. Our school promotes food drives, clothing drives and other programs which help needy families in our school and our community. South Olive Elementary is also a part of the West Palm Beach Green My School pilot program this year. The program helps achieve green school recognition by providing resources, connections, and environmental advice. Throughout this application we will give specific details about these programs accompanied with brochures, and photos.