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Head of School's Report

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The mission of the International School of Louisiana is to provide a challenging education, emphasizing: language immersion, international awareness, the celebration of diversity, and community responsibility.

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Dates to Note

- September 5: Labor Day (School Closed)
- October 10-14: Fall Break (School Closed)

Academics

Current Total Enrollment: 1,187 (10/1 closer to 1,119)

Dixon: 282

Uptown: 545

Westbank: 289

- SpEd 7.8% (21-22)
- Economically Disadvantaged 58.3% (21-22)
- Families: +/- 650
- Students from 8 Parishes (56% from Orleans Parish, 40% from Jefferson Parish)

ISL Enrollment 2022-23

Enrollment	Camp French	Camp Spanish	CAMP TOTAL	Olivier TOTAL	Dixon French	Dixon Spanish	Dixon TOTAL	District Total
Kindergarten				64	30	69	99	163
1st Grade				64	41	59	100	164
2nd Grade				50	41	54	95	145
3rd Grade	42	49	91	45			-	136
4th Grade	34	45	79	42				227
5th Grade	34	46	80	43			-	123
6th Grade	32	79	111				-	111
7th Grade	27	79	106				-	106
8th Grade	34	84	118				-	118
Enrollment Total	203	382	585	308	112	182	294	1,187

Summer School was a success. This summer session lasted three weeks vs. two weeks (previous year). The summer program was focused more on academics than the previous year when the focus was on

social and emotional integration of students who had been learning virtually for at least half of the school year. There was discussion about next year targeting transitional grades - second to third and fifth to sixth - in particular.

2021-22 LEAP Scores - ISL scores improved with an overall gain of 6%. The number of students performing at Mastery and above went from 31%-37%. The state average increased by 3% to 36% (36% was the pre-pandemic number); New Orleans is currently at 21% at Mastery and above.

ELA	increased by 7%	45% to 52% at Mastery and above
Math	increased by 8%	27% to 35% at Mastery and above
SocS	increased by 4%	28% to 32% at Mastery and above
Sci	increased by 5%	25% to 30% at Mastery and above

COVID - ISL will continue to follow NOLAPS guidelines related to masking and quarantines. At the moment masks are recommended, not required. PCR testing will be available again at all three campuses to families and staff who would like to participate. It is voluntary - not mandatory.

Professional Development - ISL will continue to partner with Roots Connected for schoolwide professional development around DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion), Co-teaching, UDL (Universal Design for Learning) and Culturally Responsive Curriculum. Lower and Middle School teachers will work in different areas. Teachers and staff spent time learning together prior to the opening of school and will continue the work throughout the school year. NSNO awarded funds to the West Bank campus for a team of 3 to attend the UnboundEd Standards Institute - a nationally recognized program fostering equity and excellence in education.

Operations

Total Employees: 189/199 (10 open positions).

Staffing is an issue. The “great resignation” has hit schools across the nation hard. New Orleans is no exception. Fortunately, we have assistant principals and principals who are all excellent teachers and willing to move into the classroom until such time as we can hire an experienced professional to teach our students. We will all be wearing many hats as the school year opens, however we are confident that it is better for students and the school as a whole to begin the year in this manner. There is often movement amongst the teaching staff in the first few weeks of school and hopefully we will be able to benefit from a mis-match at another school. On a positive note, we received 5 outstanding IATs from France, Belgium and Spain this year. We are very excited to have them as part of our community.

New positions - Science Coach; Community Support Coordinator; and an additional multilingual HR manager.

Facilities - All three buildings are open and look beautiful. The West Bank campus was fully restored and in many ways improved. We are waiting for the archdiocese to complete exterior work on the awnings and also waterproofing of the building once the rain stops. NOLA-PS has reached out to discuss possible upgrades to plumbing at the Dixon campus, as well as scheduled improvements to the Uptown campus.

Transportation - transportation costs have increased dramatically - approximately \$700,000 due to increased fuel costs and increased demands placed on the companies by the state and local licensing authorities.

Head of School's Office

Staffing changes - Makenzee Brown and Justin Marshall joined the Communications & Development team; Amanda Hudson, longtime ISL employee at Uptown campus, will move into the role of Data & Admissions Manager, beginning August 15.

School opened for the 22-23 year; we had our first whole school meeting since the beginning of the pandemic. It was wonderful to gather with everyone for breakfast and share information about our mission and operations.

The 2022-23 Pupil Progression Plan was shared on our website and via mailings to our community; an online form was sent out for feedback to be incorporated into the plan, which was presented for adoption tonight.