

School Profile Questionnaire:

School Name: Stedman Elementary School by Principal Deb Graham

1. **How long have you been the Principal or Executive Director of your school?** *Two years; three months*

2. **How is the school different from when you started to now?**

-Academic Growth has increased over time

-New State-of-the-Art technology lab added in Summer 2009

*-Enrollment has increased: (249 students when I started in 2007-08;
396 students enrolled this year--)*

-Physical improvements to the building have been made:

(New Learning Landscape --playground)

(New floor throughout the building)

(New drapes in auditorium)

(Lockers painted)

-Addition of Summer Academy and Saturday School

3. **What makes your school truly unique and special?**

Stedman Elementary School is a historic neighborhood school with deep roots in the Park Hill community. Our school has served generations of neighborhood families with a history of strong parent involvement. Stedman serves students from Early Childhood (three and four-year-olds) through 5th grade and features individualized instruction based on student need. We maintain high expectations for all students and we've achieved Significant Improvement in academic growth on the School Performance Framework measurement tool. Current CSAP results indicate that both current and continuously enrolled students have shown exceptional growth on CSAP. Stedman Elementary School has a unique environment that honors and empowers everyone in the professional learning community. Students receive high quality, standards-based instruction that is differentiated to meet their individual needs. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to participate in all school activities with the assistance of our family liaison. Staff members participate in ongoing professional development and maintain high expectations for all students. Stedman Elementary provides a climate of respect where good character is modeled and practiced, diversity is celebrated, and students feel safe. Last school year we enthusiastically welcomed seventy-five new students from Hallett Academy and this year we've added an additional fifty-six students bringing us to a current total of 396 ECE-5th grade learners. (This dramatic increase in enrollment over the past two years has brought us to a point where we stand at a 112 percent building capacity level.) All of our new students and their families have proven to be very positive and productive additions to our community and we look forward to a bright and successful future as we merge our strengths, passion and vision into a successful educational venture for ALL of our students.

4. What are you doing to make your school as progressive and successful as possible?

We're continuing several of the successful instructional processes, interventions and practices that were started during the Stedman Revitalization Project in 2006, while integrating components of RTI as we target our struggling readers, writers and mathematicians. We're currently hyper-focusing on increasing writing and math skills, while providing enrichment opportunities for ALL students to apply the skills in fun and meaningful ways as they are developed. The addition of our new computer lab this year has expanded our ability to offer 21st century technology instruction and exploration.

5. Is there anything that you'd like to change about the school if given the opportunity?

Yes, additional renovations to the physical structure of the building including a COMPLETE overhaul of the library; an addition of a science lab, an art room, and a new gym.