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Botts Elementary School
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. 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?

Botts Elementary School is a small rural school on the southern end of Menifee County. Having been built in 1965. BES has long been a focal point of the Denniston and Wellington communities. The community takes a special kind of pride in Botts and its small school charm. The current school population is a little less than 200 students. Currently over 80% of the students receive either free or reduced lunch. There are currently two kindergarten homerooms, two first grade homerooms, two second grade homerooms, one third grade homerooms, one fourth grade homeroom, and one fifth grade homeroom. BES is fortunate to have a strong parent/teacher organization who participates in fundraising to provide students with field trip opportunities. The community is a strong supporter of the school as evidenced in the number of family members who attend school events. Most of our teachers have between one to five years experience, but are eager to implement strategies to improve student achievement. Reallocation of resources has led to fewer instructional assistants in our building, with only two at this time. Menifee County School District is now under state assistance and this has led to a refocus on the students of Menifee County. The community around BES is one that has very few job opportunities. Many of the working parents must commute to surrounding counties to find work. Currently, BES Family Resource Center, utilizing the Born Learning Grant is providing activities for 0-5 year old children and their parents. These activities help connect families to the school environment and help children to become kindergarten ready.

. 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 vision of Botts Elementary School is to ensure that all students achieve academic excellence, realize their value as an individual, and aspire to be successful. The mission of BES is to provide all students with individualized learning experiences and the foundation to achieve educational success. The Bobcat Team will provide tools and instruction through a rigorous curriculum while partnering with families and community to provide a safe and supportive learning environment that fosters self-worth, celebrates individual achievement, and develops positive relationships. Our Values- Integrity, Individuality, and Positive Relationships Our

Core Beliefs- We believe ALL students are capable of learning to THEIR fullest potential. We believe all families, teachers, students, and the community are partners for the advancement of the school's mission. We believe ALL students should be offered educational experiences that prepare them for THEIR future. We believe a safe and supportive environment is essential to garnering self-worth in EVERY student. Through programs such as PBIS, Journeys Reading, Go Math, Fountas & Pinnell reading assessments, SNAP, iReady, Case 21 and PLP, BES is dedicated to the education of the entire child. By offering opportunities for parents to observe their child's typical school day through virtual learning, the community understands what goes on educationally. iReady is an assessment that focuses on the individual needs of each student. These types of programs embody the very essence of what BES and it's vision and mission statement are all about

. 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.

The recent hires at Botts Elementary School are young and ready to prove themselves. They have also formed a solid, cohesive unit that spends much time together as a staff after school and outside of school. The adoption of a consistent Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS), has proven very beneficial for the entire school. Teachers, staff, and students can all share a common language about what behavior expectations are in all areas of the school. It doesn't matter where the students are or with whom, the expectations are the same throughout our school. The Family Resource Center is the recipient of the Born Learning Grant that is dedicated to the education of 0-5 year old children in our communities. This will be beneficial to the students who are coming into kindergarten at Botts Elementary School. Guided reading has really become a driving force in our reading development. This is going to be something that will be sustained and built upon to ensure that our reading instruction is dedicated to each student. The Menifee County School System has purchased PLP as an online learning platform to use while in a virtual setting and continue to the in-person classroom setting. This program is aligned to state standards and incorporated direct explicit instruction. The addition of CASE 21 as a benchmark assessment allows teachers to use data to determine instruction. Botts Elementary is entering the third year with the 21st Century Grant. This grant provides needed resources, tutoring and extra instructions for students that are enrolled.

. **CSI/TSI Schools (including ATSI) 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.

Botts is not identified as a CSI/TSI school.

. Provide any additional information you would like to share with the public and community that were not prompted in the previous sections.

Although most BES teachers have limited experience, they are grounded in content knowledge and are energetic and enthusiastic about being part of the staff. The Family Resource Center provides many crucial programs for instruction at BES that focus on enriching the education of our students . This is an extremely vital component of success at Botts Elementary School.

Attachment Summary

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