

# Southern Lehigh School District

## Strategic Plan Report

To: School Board Members

From: Leah Christman, Assistant Superintendent

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- The Student Services Report was **approved** on Jan. 20, 2009.
- The curriculum department met to begin to determine specific timelines and accountability measures to ensure goals are met over the next 3 years, with action plan monitoring documents created. (3 strategies and 11 activity plans outlined so far)
- All Strategic Plan Reports, Snapshot documents (provided to Board members in Jan.) and action plans have been sent to the Middle States Accreditation staff for review. We are attempting to work with Middle States to streamline our midpoint review process and subsequent renewal for an additional five years of accreditation using the work already completed for the Strategic Plan.
- Some accomplishments to date:
  - **Academic Proficiency:**
    - The Curriculum Department is setting up meetings with teams of teachers to review / update curriculum needed due to impact of Intermediate School and restructuring of District.
    - Data work continues with 4Sight results to identify and work with students demonstrating need for remediation for upcoming Math PSSA exams.
    - RtI /data teams continue to meet weekly within elementary buildings to plan for interventions
    - Curriculum revisions/ development for expanded Dual Enrollment and AP courses for 09-10 are underway.
    - MS/HS staff visited North Penn SD to learn more about Read 180/ System 44 software targeted for students struggling with reading.
    - PDE Rep. met with CO/HS/MS administrators and Tech. Ed Teachers to plan for new opportunities for STEM/ Engineering by Design activities/curriculum resources k-12.
    - Work with Catasauqua SD to create summer school cyber options continues. Next steps planned with meetings with Curriculum Directors to review specific course needs and with Technology administrators to develop details for procedures and communication documents for parents and students.
  - **Improved Communications:**
    - Website use continues to expand – Support Services working to set up the electronic work order system District-wide and to update their department website. The Curriculum department is working on adding pages on Kindergarten and new student registration information for parents.
    - Newsletter work for our first edition is underway with Joe McDermott.
    - We have migrated from the old e-mail listserv system for parents and community members to using the ConnectEd! System to disseminate all e-mail announcements. (greater efficiency)
    - Graphic Design/ Print Shoppe students at LCTI are working on designing new Strategic Plan posters (new mission, vision, goals, beliefs) for our classrooms
    - Graphic Design/ Print Shoppe students at LCTI are working on designing our printed calendar for 2009-10.
  - **Highly Qualified Teachers:**
    - 9 teachers, 2 coaches, 3 administrators, and 3 Technology Facilitators are attending the PA Educational Technology Conference and Expo in Hershey, Feb 9-11. Daniel Pink, author of [A Whole New Mind](#) will keynote on Tuesday. Hundreds of workshop options presented by teachers, administrators and vendors will be available.
    - Plans underway for Technology Education teachers to attend a national STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) conference for professional development on the Engineering by Design curriculum.