

Southern Lehigh School District

Strategic Plan Report

To: School Board Members

From: Leah Christman, Assistant Superintendent

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Academic Proficiency:

- AP-1/ 3: Elementary intervention groups have been formed and are in the first round of progress monitoring students skills
- AP-2: Middle School held Fall Ball for Students
- AP-2: Middle School hosted a Cyber Bullying Prevention Presentation
- AP-2: Elementary teachers have begun to use the Fast Math program to develop math fact fluency.
- AP-2: Food Service Recipes – In an effort to eliminate costly convenience foods a new from scratch recipes is being introduced every month.
- AP-2: IS Brick - repair is to begin around October 27th. Repair is to address and correct cause. Worse breaks will be repaired and addition warrantee will be given for areas where breakage is not a concern
- AP-3: Middle School held a LCTI Assembly
- AP-3/ 6: – The Link to Learn program- 4th and 5th grade class will be connecting with scientists live through videoconferencing- astrophysicist, astronaut, etc.
- AP-3: Students in HS and MS are participating in CDT and Keystone exam pilots
- AP-3/ HQT-1: Teachers attended a curriculum-based training for facilitating online class delivery with BSN.
- AP-6: Much work has been done over the past several weeks to load students into software programs. This task is supported a great deal by the building level facilitators.
- AP-6: IPod touch carts are present in all buildings in the district and are proving to be a valuable instructional tool.
- AP-7: SLIS teachers are attending the Career Pathways meeting at the IU this month.
- AP-8: Plans underway with a Spanish teacher for a PBL lesson that involves outside panel experts in the Spanish language.
- AP-10: Early Dismissal Routes – Routes are being developed for November's early dismissal.

Improved Communications:

- IC-1: Casual for a Cause donations were donated from Hopewell to the following organizations this school year: Down's Syndrome Walk, MS Foundation, Childhood Cancer Foundation, National Kidney Foundation
- IC-1: Hopewell Family Social occurred on 10/22/10 for HW students and parents
- IC-1: Hopewell PTA is working with art teachers to make custom holiday cards designed by our students
- IC-1: Grade K and Grade 1 visited the Upper Saucon Fire Station for fire prevention education week.
- IC-4: Ms. Yang, principal from China, will be visiting our buildings the week of Oct. 25-29. She will get a tour of the buildings as well as observe some classrooms and learn about our programs.
- IC-4: Parent volunteers continue their service at SLIS, as Field Trip chaperones, copy committee, and library helpers.
- IC-4: Held info session with PTA for parents who will chair various building committees at Lower Milford this year – strong response for volunteers
- IC-5: Middle School provided an Anti-ID Theft Presentation for Parents
- IC-5: Our PTA and student body will be celebrating Apple Crunch Day on Wednesday, October 27th, during our lunch periods to educate the importance of eating healthy.
- IC-8: Online Work Order – Our Logistics Support Specialist has been tasked with providing a timeline to get work orders online and tracked. The timeline is required before the end of October.

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- IC-8: The staff center page has been updated by one of our tech facilitators with a much easier navigational format. Many positive emails were received regarding the change.
- IC-8: Completed visits to copier vendor showrooms and met with a fifth company who has substantial interest in this project
- IC-8: 781 tech help tickets were completed from mid- August until September 22, 2010. The tech department continues to stay busy supporting the District's staff
- IC-8: Our own Google apps site was approved and rolled out to staff members who participated in the Google academy. This has the potential to bring e-mail in house as well as open up opportunities for collaboration for staff and students in the district <http://docs.spartandocs.org>

Highly Qualified Teachers:

- HQT-1: Data Team Training for building Data Teams with the Leadership and Learning Center consultant, Ray Smith, Oct.19-20. Fifty teachers trained K-12. The focus was on transforming this to each grade level team as they being to goal set, collect and analyze data, as well drive instruction on specific areas of need at each grade level on a consistent and effective basis.
- HQT-1: Training – There is a greater effort in getting our Support Staff trained. Most recent we had Tim Smith work with us on team and dealing with the public
- HQT-1: CPI training will be held on 10/26/10.
- HQT-1/ AP-6: 11 academies were offered by the tech coaches in preparation for the 2010-11 school year during August. K-12 teaching staff were provided with an update on the new OWA at opening in-service by the facilitators and coaches.
- HQT-1/2: Teachers attended workshops during in-service that focused on the Language of Mathematics and training in Hands-On-Equations. Staff training about SWPBS continues at SLIS.
- HQT-1: K-12 teams were trained in using the updated PVAAS data.
- HQT-1: Teachers trained on the Assessment Builder- online assessment – part of data warehouse.
- HQT-1: 2 Elementary Principals presented Peer Coaching academy to staff
- HQT-1: The Math Adoption committee continues to pilot EnVision Math. We are currently exploring the different assessment options and looking to see if they could become our future common assessments should the committee decide that they like the series.
- HQT-1: District-wide Act 48 planning committee meeting has been scheduled
- HQT-2: Freshman homeroom breakfasts with Teen Counselors will continue throughout the month of October.
- HTQ-2: Homecoming festivities were held Sept. 27-Oct. 2. The first “new” pep rally was held on Oct. 1. Staff participation was extremely high, however, disappointment in the student participation. Plans are underway to try to address this and to “teach” students how to have school spirit. Student attendance at the dance on Oct.2 was approximately 700 students.
- HTQ-2: HS Freshman homeroom breakfasts with Teen Counselors will continue throughout the month of October.
- HQT-5: All Administrators were trained on iObservation/ 10 Dimensions of Leadership on Oct. 18.
- HQT-5: Keystone Exam training took place at Middle and High Schools
- HQT-5: Middle School participated in CDI Training
- HQT-5: The annual Title I training took place where new guidelines are outlined for Title I Coordinators.
- HQT-5: CO Administrators attended a Gifted IEP workshop to learn the new processes, Middle States meeting in Philadelphia, McRel's Walk-Through webinar.
- HQT-5: Elementary Principal attended a conference at IU-21 on 10/20 that focused on current best practices regarding supervision and evaluation to improve and broaden his knowledge and application on both.
- HQT-6: Elementary Principal and Spanish Immersion teacher will have an Immersion check-in on Wednesday, October 27th for those parents of 1st Grade Spanish Immersion students.