

# Southern Lehigh School District

## Strategic Plan Report

To: School Board Members

From: Leah Christman, Assistant Superintendent

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### **Academic Proficiency:**

- AP- 1; AP-2 High School and Middle School site visit by Successful Practices Network coach - Oct 12 (HS) Nov. 3 (MS).
- AP-1; AP-3; AP-8 Middle School teachers /departments continue work of reviewing examinations for Standards, Anchors, Eligible Content
- AP-2; AP-8 SLHS students working with elementary to collect books for the Cops and Kids Literacy program during the months of November and December
- AP-2 IC-4;: Parent visitation Day occurred at elementary buildings 11/5/09
- AP-2; HQT-2: Hopewell held a Halloween Parade for parents in the community and to raise fund for Costumes for a Cause to benefit Camelot House on 10/30/09
- AP-2/HQT-2: Discipline Team will be attending their second SWPBS Training next Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, at CLIU #21 in Schnecksville. The team has developed the expected behaviors in non-classroom settings and is sharing it with respective stakeholders throughout the school environment for feedback and suggestions.
- AP-2; IC-1 Fall Festival held at Lower Milford – excellent attendance and participation by school families and community members
- AP-2; AP-7; IC-4 The Ecuador Exchange program has visited all the district schools to spend time with the students in the Immersion program. They have plans for a trip to Washington DC, Lehigh University and Harrisburg for their last week here.
- AP-3: Principals have begun budget sharing info with teaching staff to adequately plan and prepare for next school year
- AP-6 Laser engravers for STEM classes (4-12) will be delivered and installed this week.
- AP-7 8<sup>th</sup> grade career day tours of LCTI planned (11/10 & 11/11)
- AP-8 The Mobile Ag Lab is visiting the Intermediate School lot and students are experiencing additional hands-on learning.

### **Improved Communications:**

- IC-1; IC-4; AP-2; HQ-2 Input has been requested for High School Task Force membership via e-mail (teachers) and website / BlackBoard Connect and letter to parents/ guardians
- IC-1; IC-4; AP-2; HQ-2 High School faculty, student, and parent surveys administered as part of Successful Practices Network and continuous school improvement (We Teach, We Learn, We Support)
- IC-1 Community Open House for the new Intermediate School was held on Sunday, October 27. Residents of the Southern Lehigh community were welcomed into the school for self-guided tours.
- IC-1 Positive feedback has been received from sports teams regarding condition of fields
- IC-2 The elementary K-3 report card was revised slightly regarding the Habits of Learning. Teachers will either put a + or – if a student is exceeding or below expectations. There will be no /, just a blank space for those students meeting expectations.

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- IC-2: Parent-teacher conferences will be the week of Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> through Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Students have ½ days all week and then conferences are in the afternoon with Thursday P.M. being the designated evening conference time.
- IC-1, IC-5: CATS IEP's were added to EdInsight (data warehouse).
- IC-1 The IS conducted two parent meetings were held to discuss the benefits and implementation of a new curriculum intervention, Read 180. IC-8 SLIS cafeteria has been set up to accept student IDs as access to lunch accounts.
- IC-3 District Technology Council met and created sub-committees for researching identified topics
- IC-5; IC-6 Messages continue to be sent via BlackBoard Connect (usage report attached)

### **Highly Qualified Teachers:**

- HQ-1 STEM teachers will be training week of Nov. 22-24 on laser engravers.
- HQ-1;HQ-3; HQ-5 Nine staff members attended the Blended Schools workshop (BlackBoard)- 2 of the 8 presentations broadcast throughout PA were from Southern Lehigh- (Summer School On-line program and Critical Language Pilot)
- HQT-1 October 12 Act 80 Day –K-12 Math department met to continue discussions on curriculum, math course sequencing, clarification of course prerequisites at the MS
- HQ-1; HQ-3; HQ-4 Plans are underway for a "Taste of Technology" academy that will be co –facilitated by all Technology coaches and facilitators. This academy will follow a "fair" setting with teachers sampling various technology applications in the district. More information to come.
- HQ-1;HQ-3 Blended Schools Network provided advanced training for blackboard users. 20 teachers participated
- HQ-1 Training was provided for Discovery Streaming for all Technology Coaches and Facilitators
- HQT-1, HQT-2,HQT-4, HQT-5: In-service training on 10/12 dealt with (Elementary) Step up to writing (Secondary) HS- Successful Practices Network coach visit, MS- Assessment alignment to standards, anchors, eligible content, ALL- content, confidentiality, copyright and curriculum committee goals for the year.