

Southern Lehigh School District

Strategic Plan Report

To: School Board Members

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Academic Proficiency:

- AP-1: Keystone Literature field test was administered to 9-11 grade students on 11/9-10. Middle School students have also completed Keystone field tests.
- AP-1 Teachers in 2nd and 3rd grade completed their work on creating common math assessments for this year. Kindergarten and 1st grade are finished and 4th – 6th grade are almost complete.
- AP-2: Hopewell CARES assembly took place on 11/12 to reward students for school-wide positive behavior
- AP-2: All elementary students participated in Veteran's day assemblies to celebrate and honor veterans.
- AP-2/HQT-2/4: Liberty Bell will be holding their first School Wide Positive Behavior Support (SWPBS) quarterly celebration Wednesday, November 24th. All students will be in attendance. Students who received a Pride of Liberty Bell for the 1st Quarter will be recognized. Parents of these students have been invited as well. The celebration will end with a special guest, Mr. Jeff Blum-Magical Songwriter!
- AP-2 Middle School held a (Anti)Cyber-bullying assembly for students
- AP-2, AP-3: Weekly lessons continue to be developed by the IS School Wide Positive Behavior Support committee, and sent to staff with the expectation that all provide explicit instruction to students focusing on the Spartan "R's" and promoting SWPBS.
- AP-3/7 Middle School Students attended an assembly on LCTI and its offerings.
- AP-3: An elementary Special Education teacher is piloting the use of the iPad as an assistive technology tool for a visually impaired student.
- AP-6: The technology team met to discuss the start of the school year. Each building reports an infusion of technology in many classrooms. Emerging technologies, such as the ipods, glogster and our wiki site are among the most popular.
- AP-8: HS International Business students are planning to do a project involving KIVA.
- AP-10: Transportation Cost savings – The district was being billed \$200 per day for the transportation of homeless children to Bethlehem. Working with multiple contractors and rerouting buses returning from non-public schools we are now able to transport the children without incurring a fee.
- AP-11: SLIS grade 4 has been selected to take the NAEP in February 2011. Teachers have been notified and student data has been uploaded to NAEP.

Improved Communications

- 1C-1: HW PTA meeting on 11/3/10 included parent instruction by our tech facilitator on SLSD website, teacher website, parent links, and student resources. Parents were given the opportunity to use the ipods and apps as a learning tool.
- IC-1: Monthly High School Newsletter 11/15 was posted on HS website and an Ed Connect email was sent to notify parents.
- IC-1: The Payroll & Benefits function is finishing up a total software switchover to ALIO that has taken approximately 5 months. The Employee Portal, where employees may view and change their personal account information, is the next portion to be implemented, which will happen in January.
- IC-1, IC-2, IC-8: IS Report Cards were distributed to students on November 15, 2010. Several test runs were conducted in advance to work out the "kinks" of the new 4th and 5th grade report card.
- IC-1, IC-2, IC-8: Intent at this time is to establish opening of the PS parent portal to 4th and 5th grade parents at SLIS.
- IC-3/5 An online referral form has been created for teachers to use with the RTII process using our googledoc site.
- IC-3/5: A survey form has been created in our googledocs site to ascertain teacher input for the student center page. The goal is to make it easier to navigate and provide appropriate resources.

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- IC-4: High School staff was updated on 11/16 on the Keystone Exams and CDT's. Staff was made aware of the rollout, field testing, and operational testing windows. Feedback was given on the Literature and Algebra Keystone field tests as well as the Biology and Chemistry CDT's.
- IC-4: Middle School provided an Anti-ID Theft Presentation for Parents
- IC-4 /HQT-2: Spanish Immersion Parent Group is holding their annual Used Book Sale this week during conferences at our school.
- 1C-4: HW PTA is working with our art teachers to make custom holiday cards designed by our students
- IC-4: Parent Visitation Day occurred in elementary buildings on Nov. 4.
- IC-4: Annual Sr. Citizens was held and 318 seniors attended the dinner and fall play, "Almost Maine."
- IC-4: HS Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held and approximately 177 are scheduled as of 11/17.
- IC-5: Our own SLSD Google apps site was approved and rolled out to staff members who participated in a Google academy. This has the potential to bring email in house (save money) as well as open up opportunities for collaboration for staff and students in the district [http:// docs.spartandocs.org](http://docs.spartandocs.org)

Highly Qualified Staff

- HQT – 1 – The Elementary 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: Several LB teachers will be sharing how they use their document cameras daily in their classroom at their faculty meeting on Wednesday, November 24th.
- HQT-1 Thirteen teachers are currently taking a course delivered by Blended Schools Network titled "Teachers Changing the World". The course is designed to modify existing courses/curriculum for online delivery. Teachers are being introduced to online pedagogy and various tools for creating online content. The course will run for 16 weeks.
- HQT-1: Technology Coaches and Facilitators are working with building staff to acquaint them with the new iPods and the wiki site.
- HTQ-1: IS Learning Support and intervention staff were provided training in the set up and use of Aimsweb for mathematics progress monitoring.
- HTQ-1: Ap-2/3: IS IA in-service data retreat, program review, and training day is scheduled the week of Nov. 15-19, Parent Conference Week.
- HQT-1: RTII teachers and their support staff received training on Do the Math and a training webinar was held for Scholastic Math Inventory software with teachers at the IS and MS utilizing this with students receiving interventions.
- HTT-1: SLIS LA teachers are attending the Career Pathways meeting at the IU on 11/4/10.
- HTQ-1/4: IS Instructional Assistant in-service data retreat, program review, and training day is scheduled the week of Nov. 15-19, Parent Conference Week.
- HTQ-2: HW Casual for a Cause donations were donated to the following organizations so far this year: : Down's Syndrome Walk, MS Foundation, Childhood Cancer Foundation, National Kidney Foundation Retinal Research, Camelot House for children.
- HQT-5: Director of Elementary Education attended a Lehigh Valley Business and Education workshop. A discussion panel looked at the importance of early childhood education from the perspective of an educated workforce and what business and education can do in partnership.
- HQT-1/4/5: All administrators have been provided a copy of the book, Assessing Educational Leaders by Douglas Reeves, are completing 'homework' and will participate in the 2nd iObservation training day with Ray Smith of the Leadership and Learning Center on Dec. 8. The goal for the day is for each person to develop a personal plan for improvement in their responsibilities as administrator.