

Southern Lehigh School District

Strategic Plan Report

To: School Board Members

From: Leah Christman, Assistant Superintendent

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Academic Proficiency:

- AP-1: All schools are gearing up for PSSA exams. Proctor/ administration training for principals and teachers is scheduled.
- AP-2/HQT-2: Liberty Bell first graders held their annual 100th Day of School Parade on Thursday, February 17th, in our hallways as they proudly parade around holding their 100th Day of School projects/posters.
- AP-2/HQT-3/IC-4: Liberty Bell held a 2nd Quarter SWPBS Pride of Liberty Bell celebration on Thursday, February 24th. Parents were invited as the entire school recognized those students who received a blue ticket for the 2nd Marking Period as part of our new School-wide Positive Behavior System.
- AP 2/3: Students in the Applied English 10 and 11 course are demonstrating an increased interest in reading new novels that were purchased for these courses. Student quote, "Mrs. Bausher, I hate reading but I can't stop reading this book."
- AP2/3: Healthier US Schools Challenge – SLSD is participating for recognition in the USDA challenge. Food Services, Nurses and PE are staff involved. The biggest challenge will be introducing beans into lunches. ☺
- AP-2/HQT-3: The Cat in the Hat will be visiting us on Wednesday, March 3rd, in celebration of Read Across America Day! The Cat will be reading to each of our classrooms.
- AP-3: The IS Homework Club has started headed up by Mr. McGinty. The club meets 4 days per week from 3:30 to 4:30pm. Students with pattern or habit of incomplete homework such that their academic performance was suffering were candidates for referral to the program. Parent agreement for student participation was secured for all. MS and HS NJHS and NHS students were recruited to lend support tutoring to this effort. – The progress of students in the program will be monitored for the duration in an effort to determine the extent of impact benefit.
- AP-3: Extended School Year services are being identified for identified students by the Special Education department.
- AP-3 and AP-8 and HQT-1: MS GIFTED RESEARCH/SCIENCE – Continuing to meet the needs of gifted reading and science with Gifted Teacher in the science classroom. Additionally, 4th and 5th minis are scheduled as gifted research. Focus on a choice of genre in science.
- AP-6: Four teachers at SLIS are piloting use of Spelling City as a technology support for spelling instruction.
- AP-8: The HS art students are currently working with Palisades HS students on the IDEA project and will be displaying their work at Penn State Lehigh Valley Campus in March.
- AP-8 Students from the Middle School represented SLSD at the annual PETE&C student showcase. Projects from DESIGN21 and the SLMS library were showcased.

Improved Communications:

- IC-1: The IS is investigating the possibility of a small (age-appropriate) TV studio to expand capacity for school wide projections and announcements using our television displays with technology.
- IC-1/5: A Google Doc calendar is being created to track all contracts, annual reports and reoccurring events that affect Support Services department.

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- IC-1/5: Support Services Work Order System – the system is being used and tested on a limited basis. Reports are favorable. Additional training for staff with further rollout to follow.
- IC – 2: the K – 3 report card committee met for the first time to discuss revisions needed for the roll out of the revised report card in Fall 2011. The next meeting will also include a presentation from Sapphire so that they can gain understanding of the capabilities of the electronic report card. A survey will be used to solicit input from teachers and parents.
- IC-4: Spanish Immersion Informational Night for prospective parents was held on Tuesday, February 15th, at Liberty Bell. Parents considering immersion for 1st Grade next year are welcome to visit Liberty Bell's 1st Grade Immersion class next Tuesday, March 1st, from 9:30 A.M.-10:00 A.M.
- IC-4: A Prescription Drug Program was held at the MS for parents
- IC-4: Connect Ed Messages regarding Course Information Nights for Parents have been sent from MS and HS
- IC-8;HTQ-1/5: Training was held for Sapphire relating to enrollment and scheduling. Data from powerschool is being cleaned up by HS, MS and IS for scheduling purposes.

Highly Qualified Staff:

- HQT-1 /AP-3 – 13 SL teachers have completed a 16 week course on designing on-line courses in Blackboard
- HQT-1 – Colombia University Reading and Writing Project – March, 2011 Several teachers have signed up to attend
- HQT1/5: Members of the tech department and representatives from each building attended the annual PETE&C conference. Teacher who attended report having already implemented ideas they gleaned from the conference.
- HQT-1/5: Support Services Department is working on a project to improve efficiencies. All custodial areas with square footage have been identified with next steps to begin balancing work loads.
- HQT-5: All administrators have completed three days of training on leadership development and have created an individualized Professional Improvement Plan as part of iObservation process.
- HQT-5: SchoolWorld migrated our website to a new server with enhanced speed capabilities. There was no charge for this migration