

Southern Lehigh School District

Strategic Plan and Middle States Report

To: School Board Members

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Academic Proficiency:

- AP 1.1: All students have been taking the PSSAs. Specialized building schedules are being utilized for all portions of the test in an effort to maximize the testing opportunity/time for our students.
- AP 2.1, 2.5: Mr. Markley led the Liberty Bell 3rd Grade spring play, *Munchkin Mediation*, on Friday, March 9th. Over 70 of Liberty Bell 3rd Grade students held a role in the performance.
- AP 2.1: Lower Milford's Second Grade Reading Club held an event coordinated by PTA and Teachers to encourage the love of reading. The event features crafts/activities, story time, and the children choose a book to take home compliments of PTA.
- AP 2.2: PTA sponsored a HW family social on 3/16/12 to promote student and family involvement.
- AP 2.3: "Bully-proof Your Life Assembly", focusing on positive decision-making skills, was held as part of Lower Milford's monthly Schoolwide Positive Behavior program.
- AP 2.5: HW had a school spirit day for 3/16: Go for the Greens – wear green and eat green foods.
- AP 5.1, AP 6.2: At a recent subject leader meeting the NETS (National Educational Technology Standards) were introduced to the subject area leaders and they brainstormed how the NETS currently fit into our curriculum.
- AP 6.2: Students in Mrs. Snyder's and Mrs. Ruth's classes are utilizing Edmodo, a discussion platform, to collaborate on class projects.

Highly Qualified Staff:

- HQ 1.1, 3.2: Tech Training sessions have been conducted weekly in the morning at the IS. Each week instruction has focused on a different technology tool or application for instruction.
- HQ 3.1: Spanish Immersion Informational Night for parents of potential first grade students for the 2012-2013 school year was held on Tuesday, February 28, at Liberty Bell from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.
- HQ 3.2: "Three Ways to Get Beyond Powerpoint (Prezi, Keynote and Google Docs)" will be presented by Michael Pauling. This session will help teachers facilitate collaboration and 21st Century skills in the classroom.
- HQ 5.1: Administrative training on Media Communications and how to respond occurred on 3/19/12.

Improved Communications:

- IC 4.1 School board visitation day on 3/6 took place at the K-3 buildings, focusing on technology and instruction.
- IC 5.1: Human Resources finished an analysis of the Netchemia contract for a paperless system and placed it on the Board agenda.
- IC 5.1: Course selection night was held for the Middle School parents.