

Southern Lehigh School District

Strategic Plan Report

To: School Board Members

From: Leah Christman, Assistant Superintendent

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Academic Proficiency:

AP-1: May 2010: Elementary end of year assessments are being taken in all content areas.

AP -1: May 2010: School-wide (HW) DIBELS testing occurred this week.

AP2/8- May 2010: Field trips to Burnside plantation grade 3 and field trip to Ice House to see Pinocchio grade 1

AP-2: May 2010: MS Students participate in Latin American Culture Day

AP-2 May 2010: MS Students perform Spring Musical Concert (Choral and Instrumental for students

AP-2 May 2010: 6th grade visitation to the MS is planned for May 10. 3rd grade visitation to SLIS is planned for June 10 & 11.

AP-2 May 2010: MS Students participate in "Controlled Substance Awareness" Assemblies with SRO

AP-2 May 2010: MS Music students participate in community outreach. (Community performance)

AP-2 May 2010: MS Students participate in Spring Pep Rally

AP-2/HQT-2: May 2010: The LB Discipline Team will be presenting the School-wide Positive Behavior System to the staff.

AP-2/8: May 2010: Recent trips/assemblies for Liberty Bell Elementary include -April 30th-KDG visited Elmwood Zoo; -April 30th-3rd Grade visited Longwood Gardens; -April 30th-Grades 1 and 2 participated in the Respect Program Assembly which dealt with recycling and "respecting" the earth and each other; -May 10th-Safety Town-Lehigh Valley Health Network creates a simulated town in our gymnasium and classes are led through and summer safety, seatbelt safety, and more are covered by the experts; -May 26th-1st Grade Lehigh Valley Zoo

AP-3 May 2010: IS End-of-year assessments are beginning and will continue throughout the month of May and early June.

AP - 8 May 2010: The elementary Math textbook adoption committee is beginning their pilot of EnVision Math.

AP-8 May 2010: MS Students (7th grade) participate in science day at Cedar Point.

AP-8, HQT-4 May 2010: IS Math accelerated testing got underway during the week of May 3 with 6th and 7th grade 4Sight administration to students in grades 5 and 6. Accelerated testing will continue throughout the month of May.

AP-8 May 2010: IS Language Arts teachers reviewed writing data from 2008-09 and the current performance of students Rigorous LA 2009-2010. To date writing data collected for 2009-2010 was also reviewed. Criteria for Rigorous LA course placement for 2010-2011 was reviewed and refined.

AP-8 May 2010: A culminating DARE activity/assembly was presented at the IS by the local police to students in 5th grade as part of their H/PE instruction. In conjunction with the drug awareness education program, a Martial Arts professional demonstrated and promoted the need to use mental and physical discipline to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

AP-2/ AP-8/ HQT-2,/IC-4 May 2010: An assembly program was planned and presented at the IS to coincide with the ending of the largest round of PSSA testing (reading & math) which included all grade levels. The program was funded through the PTG. Three assembly shows were delivered on May 7, 2010. Each grade level was presented a show that connected to the social studies content covered in the grade level curriculum. Sixth graders saw a show highlighting European immigration to America, fifth grade viewed a production about the Civil War, and the fourth grade class saw a presentation about the American Revolution.

AP-2 May 2010: IS has end of year events planned, such a field trips to the DaVinci center by 4th and 5th graders, Harrisburg by 4th graders, and Ellis Island for 6th graders. Further, PTG sponsored end year events such as yearbook signing ice cream socials and a 6th grade dance are in the works.

AP-3/6: May 2010: Math Camp all day at LB for 3rd Grade students on Thursday, May 27th. Compass Learning reps will be here as we have stations set up throughout the school as the students work on various math concepts.

AP-8 May 2010: Lower Milford Earth Day, a parent-teacher collaboration, was held on May 7. Activities for this day exemplify Gold Seal Lessons. Examples of these lessons are: composting presentation by community expert, tree walk, owl pellet dissection, creek study, mulching and planting, outdoor art projects, butterfly life cycle activities.

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AP-8 May 2010: High School AP Testing completed.

AP-8 May 2010: HS Graduation Project presentations took place.

Ap-8 May 2010: Plans are underway to move the HS art lab into the existing publishing lab to be shared by the English and Art Dept in the 2010-2011 school year. The former art lab will house the new Chinese teacher as well as the virtual language courses.

Improved Communications:

IC-2 May 2010: The SLIS Report card committee completed a review and revamp of a tentative report card design for 2010-2011. The committee worked hard to bring consistency to the performance feedback appearing and available to communicate student's progress across all grade levels.

IC-4- May 2010: The Lower Milford Police Department recently added a new part-time officer. The Officer has been diligent about being present at LM during arrival time several days a week, greeting students and parents. This is a positive connection with the LMPD.

IC 4 May 2010: Assembly for MS Parents on 'Controlled Substance Awareness' with SRO

IC 4 May 2010: MS Parents chaperone science field trip

IC-7 May 2010: Assessments for early entrants to KDG and first grade are being conducted.

IC-7: May 2010: Elementary Principal meeting occurred on 4/15, 4/19 and 4/22 to discuss budget and scheduling

IC-8 May 2010: We are using the message board in the lobby to showcase student art work, classroom and school wide activities and for school communications. We love it!

IC-8/ AP-2 HS May 2010: Student Advisory Council meetings have centered around a "Senior Day" instead of a Senior Prank. A Senior Lunch is planned on June 11 over all three lunch periods in hopes of eliminating the need for a Senior Prank. SAC has also been discussing the possibility of the Class of 2011 purchasing some new library furniture to change the atmosphere of our library to feel like a "Barnes and Noble" or Coffee Shop atmosphere.

IC-4/7 AP-2 May 2010: Meeting held with all HS students attending the prom to be sure students were informed about the prom location and procedures. SADD officers spoke to students about making good decisions as did our SRO.

Highly Qualified Teachers:

HQT-1: May 2010: The IU 21 Occupational Therapy specialist visited LB on May 12th to work with teachers in regards to helping all students in their classes, not just those who qualify for OT services.

HQT-1 May 2010: "Write Traits" training has been scheduled for all 4th through 8th grade writing teachers. It will be all day on June 3rd.

HQT- 1: May 2010: IS/MS/HS Mathematics teachers participate in 2 day In-service workshops

HQT-2/ AP-2/IC-4 May 2010: Teachers from SLIS scooped ice cream at the Inside Scoop to benefit the SLIS PTG, while supporting our local business partners. The staff of SLIS has planned an outing at the Iron Pigs baseball game on June 6. It will be SLIS. Our H/PE teacher is set to throw the first pitch of the evening. The staff of SLIS recently conducted a staff shirt and sweatshirt sale. All proceeds will benefit the SLIS PTG. The staff of SLIS decided to run the late year sale in recognition and appreciation for the PTGs efforts this year. With no money to their name at the start of the year, this newly formed parent group has worked hard and found way to support many school and teacher initiatives this year. The SLIS PTG is now officially recognized as an incorporated non-profit group. All state and federal approvals have been achieved.

HQT- 2, 3: May 2010: Spirit Days occurred on 4/21 (crazy hair day)

HTQ-3 May 2010: Kindergarten registration, Kindergarten Parent Workshop, and Kindergarten Visitation Day provide parents and community with an informational and positive first exposure to SLSD

HQT-4 May 2010: LM team attended a Data Workshop - "Using Student Achievement Data to Support Instructional Decision Making" on March 11.