

Southern Lehigh School District

Strategic Plan Report

To: School Board Members

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The last of the plans... Educational Technology, was approved by PDE on March 16, 2009.

Date: May 26, 2009

- Some accomplishments to date:
 - **Academic Proficiency:**
 - AP-1: The high school did not meet their AYP on 2008 and consequently, the special education teachers put PSSA strategies into their daily teaching in order to better prepare the special education students for the PSSA test. They also revamped our administration of the test with our special education students in order to increase our chances for more positive results.
 - AP-2: High School has continued to try to build a positive culture by recognizing outstanding achievements and accomplishments on WSOL. They also are trying to keep the FISH philosophy alive in our school. Each month they have a FISH of the month drawing and a staff member receives a prize.
 - AP – 2: STEM activities have been integrated into classroom instruction into various grade levels.
 - AP – 2: Teachers have been trained in Gold Seal lessons.
 - AP – 2: Participated in Tech Wizards and Tech Wizards Junior Program. (elementary and MS)
 - AP-2 and AP-8: Our teachers continually strive to differentiate their teaching and assessments. Many student projects are given and students have the opportunity to choose what they would like to do. It is evident this year that the teachers are integrating technology into their teaching and it is student-centered. Teachers have experimented with the Quadrant D lesson plans
 - AP – 5: We have revised the elementary attendance procedures and practices to ensure compliance with the school law.
 - AP-7: One new career piece added to the Career and Technical Applications course at the High School- an Etiquette Luncheon.
 - AP – 7: We've expanded our intervention tools and resources repertoire to better serve the needs of all elementary students.
 - AP—8: Implemented use of Compass Learning to reinforce and enrich students' academic experience.
 - AP – 8: Technology - Updated Accelerated Reader to web-based version to increase literature offering to students.
 - AP-8 Re-tooling of MS curriculum; creation of new courses.
 - AP – 8: Video conferencing equipment has been introduced and is available in every school building promoting teacher access. Multiple conferences (many through MAGPI) have occurred this year as a result. One of the lasts- Miss Kale's class participated in "Where in PA?".
 - AP – 11: All elementary schools are implementing and utilizing school-based positive school culture programs.
 - **Improved Communications:**
 - IC-1: Many teachers are posting weekly newsletters on websites
 - IC-1: Some teachers are now utilizing pod-casting at their websites
 - IC-1: Video-on-demand being populated with student/ classroom-made videos
 - IC-2: High School staff brought back numerous suggestions last year from the Power School Conference that they were able to put in place in order to better utilize the program. One major change this year was going to paperless discipline referrals.
 - IC-3: District Technology Council formed and meeting
 - IC-4: MS Teacher selected as one of 4 for University of Penn- MAGPI Global Studies Team
 - IC-5: Implemented On-line course selection/registration at Middle School
 - IC-6: Buildings use of Connect Ed for communication has increased
 - IC-7: Policies continue to be added to website as approved. ARs added on shared network drives.
 - IC-8: Wireless network upgrades being made district-wide
 - **Highly Qualified Teachers:**
 - HQT-1: Many professional development workshops related to all goals continue to be offered to teachers
 - HQT-3: We have utilized the website for various communications this school year. We have received positive feedback from parents on this at PTA's, PTG's and Parent Advisory Group meetings.