

Southern Lehigh School District

Strategic Plan Report

To: School Board Members

From: Leah Christman, Assistant Superintendent

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Academic Proficiency:

- AP -1: HW's School-wide DIBELS testing occurred and we completed our end of year data review and grade level team data results on 6/3/11
- AP-1: Envira Health performed annual random air quality sampling at all of our schools. The results are a good marker for the cleanliness of our buildings, maintenance of our HVAC, and an indicator for developing problems. Results across the board were excellent.
- AP-1, AP-3: The PSI 1, SMI and PSI 2 have been administered to 5th and/or 6th grade students. Scoring was completed and letters keeping parents apprised of the performance of students during the math acceleration process have been sent.
- AP-1, AP-3: All district writing prompt data has been collected and meetings to address Rigorous Language Arts placement for rising 6th graders are being conducted this week.
- AP-1/3/8/HQT-1/4: LB's Core Data Team met and reviewed their end-of-year assessments, goals, and began planning for the 2011-2012 school year as well as establishing timelines.
- AP-1 – the Science committee has started the process of reviewing new textbooks for further study and adoption in the next two years.
- AP – 1: Keystones – Spring Operational Tests were administered
 - MS – Alg I online May 3-9/2011
 - HS – Alg I paper/pencil May 3-4/2011
 - HS – Lit online May 2-6, 2011
 - HS – Bio paper/pencil May 2-3, 2011
- AP-2/6: A HW (3rd) and (2nd) grade class are teaming up with their blogs. 2nd graders responded to a blog post about what they are anxious about for 3rd grade and 3rd graders are going to respond with advice.
- AP-2: HS's Picnic Day (Carnival Day) was held on 5/27. Student Council made the day a huge success and we had the best attendance then in years past. Yearbooks were also distributed to students on this day.
- AP-2: HW's First grade field trip to Pool Wildland's Conservatory
- AP-2/3/HQT-2/3: Liberty Bell celebrated Arts Week with various art activities over the course of the week including: cartooning, puppet making, and the Van Gogh on Wheels Museum.
- AP-2/3: Vocal music students performed at the district-wide ChoralFest.
- AP-3/AP-8/HQT-1 –HS Social Studies/ English Integration and changes at IS/MS committees continue to meet and plan.
- AP-2: IS
 - Students in all grade levels have been on field trips this month. The sites of visitation have included Crystal Cave, Ellis Island, Adventure Aquarium and Harrisburg.
 - An assembly on bike safety and BMX stunt riding was presented to students this month.
 - The 6th grade End Year Social/Dance occurred. Ice Cream and Yearbook signing parties are scheduled for the last week of school. The 6th grade fun and farewell

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DVD movie will be shown to 6th grade students on the last day of school at 9:00AM. Immediately following that, the first SLIS Talent Show will be happening.

- AP-2/3: Students attended Assembly called the Magic of Math: You can solve it! Math strategies and magic entertained our students
- AP 3/8: Working toward revisions/writing of curriculum in eight content areas.
- AP3/8: LM kindergarten classes learned to use Google Earth.
- AP-3/6/HQT-2/3/IC-4: Liberty Bell 2nd grade class will be hosting parents, administrators, and board members on Tuesday, June 14th, as they showcase their science documentaries.
- AP-6: HW 3rd grade participated in a Video Conference with the Bronx Zoo. They watched live cameras of animals of Madagascar including lemurs.
- AP-7: High School Graduation Project: Business Department rolled out its first year of 10th grade grad projects as part of CTA class.

Improved Communications:

- IC-4: Elementary schools provided a volunteer appreciation breakfasts /luncheon to all volunteers who assisted us in our school during 2010-11.
- IC-4: HW's PTA provided Rita's Italian Ice to all students after a hot week with box top money collected during the school year.
- IC-4: Every 15 Minute program was held on 6/1 and 6/2 for the high school student body. There were many community partners who assisted us in putting on the program.
- IC-4: All 3rd Grade students visited the Intermediate School for a tour of the building.
- IC-4 School faculty and PTA coordinated Spring Festival as an outreach/community building event for Lower Milford community
- IC-4 –The final meeting for the Standards and Assessment, Educational technology, and Professional Development committees for the mid-point review of the strategic plan have been held. Recommendations for activities will be updated and shared with the Board in July.
- IC-4 – New Weighted Grade Committee – includes parents, students, teachers, admin, board members- has completed its work for the year.
- IC-5 A Google calendar is now being used to disseminate information about upcoming teacher academies.
- IC-5 the Human Resources Office continues to use Google forms to gather information from substitute staff and other tasks.
- IC-5: Support Services electronic Work Order System – School Dude, has been implemented district wide.
- IC-8 Buildings continue to use the Exhibio message board in the lobby to showcase student art work, classroom and school-wide activities and for school communications.
- IC-8 Upgrades are scheduled for our wireless system that will allow for more speed and reliability particularly related to our online course delivery.

Highly Qualified Staff:

- HQT-1: HW's School-wide data review. Teachers shared out end of year grade level team goals and shared end of year data collection results
- HQT-1 Elementary math and science committee members are finishing process of reviewing Envision Math materials and new science materials
- HQT-1 Act 48 committee developed summer academies with emphasis on PBL, Differentiated Instruction, 21st Century Learning

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- HQT-1: Elementary Teachers and Administrators attended a math network session @ IU21 related to math common CORE
- HQT-1/4 – SAP Training – Southern Lehigh received a mini-grant of \$5250 (extension of SDFS) to be used toward SAP training at the MS/HS. Grant will cover cost of training and mileage. Training to occur at Project CARE Bethlehem July 19-21
- HQT-1/3 K-3 teachers and administrators have finished revisions of the K-3 report card to better align with standards and SL curriculum and to provide better information for parents.
- HQT-1: Custodial Training and Inspections – The Safety Committee was trained in fire extinguisher safety in addition all support staff will be trained in fire safety before the start of school. Other training includes AHEARA and Right to Know.
- HQT –1- June 20th in-service day is completely scheduled. It will consist of activities that look at common core standards, Sapphire, and the new math series – depending on the grade level and subject area.
- HQT-1 / AP-2 – GCAA – Global Competency Aptitude Assessment. All MS, HS, and 3 IS Social Studies teachers participated in GCAA training.
- HQT-1/AP-3/6 Tech facilitators and teachers continue to identify apps for our ipod/ipads to allow for differentiation.
- HQT-1/ AP-6 Tech Coaches and Facilitators are preparing academies related to technology for the final 3 days of teacher academies.
- HQT-2/5: Race to Nowhere was seen by the high school staff on June 3. Discussions were held about the themes of the movie and how we might be able to address some of these concerns at SLHS. Discussions will begin again at the start of next year.
- HQT-2/3: On Wednesday, June 8th, Liberty Bell held a Dance-A-Thon to raise \$\$\$ for Cystic Fibrosis and raised over \$1,700.
- HQT-3/5 Train the trainer was conducted for Sapphire teacher grade book. A custom training manual for SLSD training is being created by one of our teachers.
- HQT-3 STEM and Science Curriculum Councils presented recommendations.
- HQT-4 Several administrators attended a series of trainings through the CLIU on SAS, Common Cores, CDT (Classroom Diagnostic Tools)