



## ***Superintendent's Report***

To: Board Members

From: Leah M. Christman

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- Mr. Jordan rescheduled the 2<sup>nd</sup> parent meeting for the laptop 1:1 opt-in program and plans one more session for this year. Approximately 160 HS students have returned forms and were able to take their laptops home today. More are in the process of returning forms.
- Mrs. Kelly Dougherty has been named by Pearson as a Most Valuable Teacher (MVT) and will be treated to a trip to the National Science Teachers Association conference in San Antonio! All of her conference expenses are being covered by Pearson.
- My trip to Egypt to interview semi-finalist Arabic teachers was amazing! The candidates were very eager for an opportunity to visit the USA next year to share their language and culture. We interviewed 44, mostly men, and narrowed the finalists to about 15 with alternates. Schools and teachers will be notified in April of their acceptance to the program. Most of the teachers this year came from throughout Egypt- some from remote villages. All spoke excellent English and shared their passion for teaching. Many expressed hope for their country as it struggles to establish democracy and an eagerness to learn from Americans. We were welcomed by everyone we encountered. I worked with Zara Hovhannisyan from TCLP/American Council, Stacy Lyon, World Language Director from a charter school in Utah, and two former Arabic teachers who were in the US last year, Mohamed Eldwiny and Ayman Abdelkhalek. This was a very educational experience and I thank the Board for the support in allowing me to participate. If we are selected for another teacher for the 2013-14 school year, I am confident we will receive a well-qualified educator!

