



Superintendent's Report

To: Board Members

From: Leah M. Christman

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- The new Laconian online district newsletter was released beginning this month. The new version is more visual and we are hopeful our community will keep up with our positive district news.
- The CLIU Superintendent Retreat last week was very informative. Sessions included:
 - PA Secretary of Education- updates on Chapter 4, Educator Effectiveness, ACCESS funding, politics in Harrisburg. ([See consequences of Chapter 4 vote on Nov. 21, 2013](#))
 - AASA representative on updates from Washington- Reauthorization of ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Ed. Act- NCLB), waivers to the waivers, funding, E-rate, etc.
 - Legal recommendations regarding the new Educator Effectiveness Program
 - Resources for educator professional development
 - CLIU preliminary budget- (no increase anticipated)
 - Technology in education updates
- Mr. Melber and I were invited to a Contract Negotiations workshop at PATTAN (a PDE training center) to present our innovative teacher CBA (collective bargaining agreement) to a group of school leaders from Bucks and Montgomery counties. We joined these leaders in the PATTAN office in King of Prussia on Oct. 31 to share, and to learn how others are approaching negotiations. Mr. Melber prepared a presentation to share the model and calculations. (Posted on our website under Business Office). The presentation was well received and we were told that many schools in that area are interested in the concept. We also learned about how other schools have negotiated in the past several years.
- Welcome to Mr. Jason Lilly, HS as Asst. Principal, who started today.