



Superintendent's Report

To: Board Members
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- The Administrative Team is finalizing plans to kick off the new school year. We have been interviewing for positions, hoping to ensure that we have our new teachers ready to begin the school year with students. Board members are invited to attend the Welcome Back breakfast and assembly next Tuesday, August 19 if available.
- Our administrative team has also been planning for Induction for new teachers. This begins Monday August 18 and Board Members are invited to lunch that day to meet our new teachers in the JPLIS cafeteria at 12:00 PM. Please let Diana Millman know if you plan to attend.
- As 2nd graders continue to register, our transportation department has once again tried to balance class sizes in our 3 elementary buildings. At this point we have some classes of 26 and 27. Once school begins and we have a better idea of class sizes we may recommend some additional IA support. Adding another teacher to reduce class sizes does not work well, as children would need to move to a new building, something generally frowned upon by parents.
- The Edu-Summit kicked off today at the high school. Board members are invited to stop by tomorrow if available. National keynote speakers will begin each day and details on the over workshops can be found at <http://buckslehighedusummit2014.wikispaces.com> . Today's keynote speaker was Dr. Ted S. Hasselbring (Ed.D.) a Professor of Special Education at Peabody College of Vanderbilt University who spoke on brain research and the power of technology for developing math and language fluency. Tomorrow's keynote will feature Dean Shareski, the Community Manager for Discovery Education Canada. The event has about 230 registered educators including many from Southern Lehigh. This is once again a great example of multi-district collaboration at no cost to any schools or participants.
- You may have received an email regarding the release of 2012-13 SPP DISTRICT scores. SLSD scored 93.2, second in Lehigh County. The 2013-14 scores for buildings and district have not yet been released by the Department of Education.
 - Ling Huang and Lu Bai, our new Chinese teachers arrived last Friday. The teachers participated in EduSummit today and met many of our SL teachers. They will attend the next meeting to meet the Board members.