



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

To: Board Members  
From: Leah M. Christman  
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- The high school freshman academy is sponsoring a district –wide community service project to create a library in Africa. (see “Up In The Sky” -You Tube Video about the African Library Project <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VtgLCAZZbic>)  
The students have started collecting gently used books and already have the financial donations needed to ship the books.

They need at least 1000 books to ship:

**Books needed:**

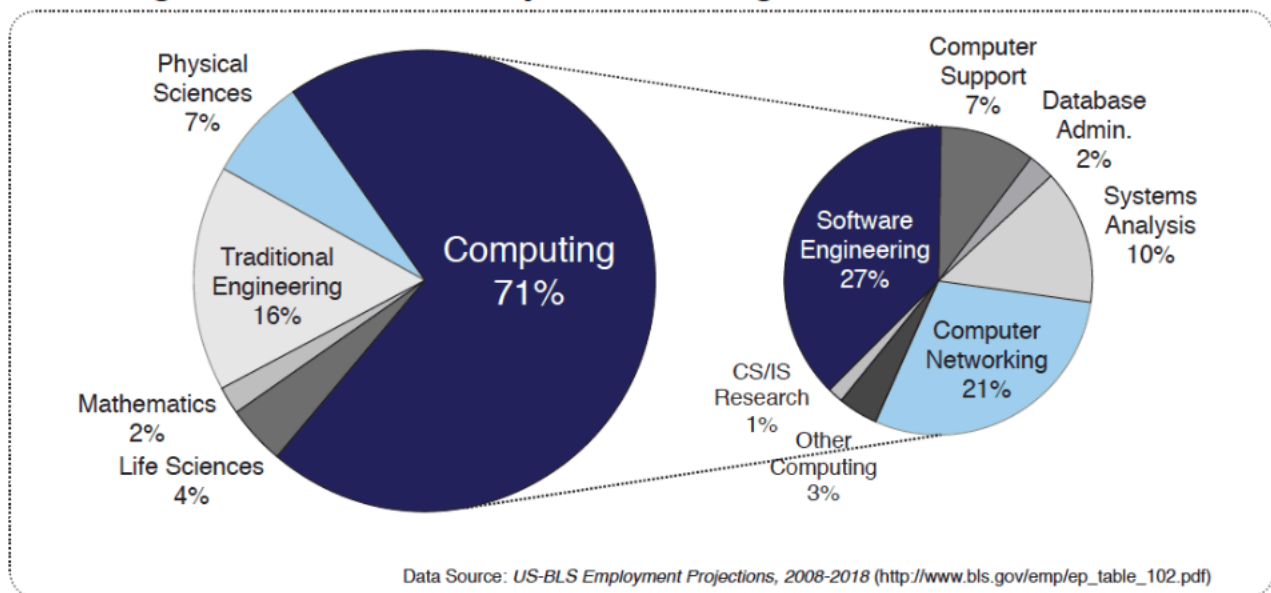
- Baby board books,
- Paperback easy readers
- Paperback children's picture books
- Paperback juvenile literature/Chapter books
- K-8 textbooks (English, math, geography & science)
- Encyclopedias & atlases (post 1990)
- Paperback dictionaries

(Please contact Mrs. Guarriello at the high school with any questions)

- On Nov. 11-13, I attended the CLIU Superintendent Leadership Retreat. Sessions presented by guest speakers included:
  - Updates from legal counsel on considerations in using software apps
  - Q & A from Secretary of Education, Pedro Rivera
  - Managing the media- CCIU Dir. of Communications
  - Updates from legal counsel on labor relations and negotiations
  - National educational policy review- AASA
  - State policy and budget review- PASA
  - CLIU budget presentation- CLIU staff
- Lutron and Discovery Education sponsored a workshop on November 18 that Mrs. Siegfried and I attended that focused on STEM and how schools can integrate 21<sup>st</sup> century skills in all content areas. Dr. Cindy Moss, Discovery's Global STEM Consultant referred to STEM as “Students and teachers energizing minds” and she discussed the STEM in careers, rather than STEM careers. A panelist of young professionals at Lutron shared their experiences from k-12 that helped them and shared other things that would be been beneficial. Most of the areas lacking revolved around 21<sup>st</sup> century skills related to communications, problem-solving, student-centered activities, and the integration of technology- all areas that we are promoting at SLSD. The workshop was very informative and we have plans to share more on this with our educators across the district.

- Reminder that the Middle and Intermediate School are conducting an hour of coding

### Percentage of New STEM Jobs by Sector Through 2018



- The monthly Career Pathways Board meeting was held at LCTI on Nov. 19. The Lehigh Valley Workforce Development Board has received a \$1 million grant to support programs for students in the region as related to future success and careers. (As soon as the State budget is passed and the funds are made available, the Board will be working toward that end. We also discussed options to re-engage high school dropouts.
- Congratulations to the Southern Lehigh football team who won against Central Catholic Friday night, and are now the *Eastern Football Conference Division III Champions*.
- Congratulations to Mr. Siesko and the Southern Lehigh's computer programming team who took a very close second on Nov. 7 in the **Programming Challenge 1.0**, by successfully completing all the challenges within one minute of the winning team.
- *Check out our young writers work in Southern Lehigh Student Newspapers:*
  - *Intermediate School- The SPARTAN TIMES*  
<http://www.slsd.org/files/1783855/the%20spartan%20times,%20volume%201,%20issue%201.pdf>
  - *Middle School- SPARTAN TRIBUNE*  
<http://www.slsd.org/MiddleSchool.cfm?subpage=1452685>
  - *High School- The SPOTLIGHT* <http://slspotlight.com>