



Superintendent's Report

To: Board Members

From: Dr. Leah M. Christman

Date: July 13, 2015

- WLVT-PBS 39 announced the high school's Spring Seminar Media in Society program is one of the top three finishers in the Lehigh Valley PBS Digital Innovations Contest. The competition began March 2 and entries were due May 1. Topics needed to be a current event and how it impacts the lives of high school students. All entries needed to include the tag line "Because THIS is the stuff that matters most," she said. - See more at: <http://laconian.org/2549/showcase/southern-lehigh-students-earn-honors-in-wlvt-competition/#sthash.h6H0IF59.dpuf> The winners, working under the guidance of Gifted Support and Social Studies teacher Thomas Ruhf included: – *Lasting Effects of Social Media* – produced by freshmen Thomas P. and Aaron P.; – *Left Side Story* – produced by seniors Matthew D., Nicholas P., Michael S. and Sarah O.; – *Suicide Prevention* – produced by the freshman/sophomore team of Hannah C., Cassie L., Katarina D. and Anna D.
- Southern Lehigh athletes and coaches earned the Overall Colonial League Cup Award presented to member schools whose athletic programs earn the best overall finish in league tournaments and regular season competition. This award is the highest accolades presented to Colonial League member schools. The score breakdown can be found at www.colonialleague.org.
- Our Administration Retreat will be held this week on Wed.- Fri. Topics will include training on:
 - the new mobile app,
 - Facebook and Twitter (to launch publically with the new school year),
 - the National Incident Management System (NIMS) training and tabletop crisis management practice,
 - 2015-16 Goals and Improvement Plans, and
 - a variety of administrative items and updates to prepare for the new school year.

We are also hosting a “**Breakfast of Champions**” for all support staff on Thursday morning at the IS. The Admin team is cooking breakfast for all of our custodians, secretaries, & tech staff to say “thanks” for all they do for the District.

- All final approvals were received last week and construction should begin on the new elementary building this week. We have a camera with a live feed mounted on Hopewell to capture progress.



- Administrators and core content High School/Middle School teachers met last week to review Keystone preliminary scores and plan for future improvement. Teams of teachers are also meeting throughout the summer to work on curriculum updates.