



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

To: Board Members

From: Leah M. Christman

Date: March 11, 2013

- Mrs. Lewis, Officer McLaughlin, and I attended a School Safety Seminar sponsored by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security in conjunction with Lehigh County's District Attorney and PA State Police, held at DeSales University on Monday, March 4. About 550 individuals, mostly law enforcement personnel attended. We listened to presentations on Virginia Tech, All-hazard School Safety Toolkit, Strategies for Parental Reunification, Psychology of Offenders, and Risk & Vulnerability Assessment Team. We learned a few new things that may help us further with preparedness and will be discussing them in our Safety Taskforce meetings.
- Mr. Jordan and I met with Salisbury and Quakertown representatives on Project Red. We shared a lot of information regarding how all 3 schools deal with a variety of technology related issues. We will be meeting again on April 16 to begin planning a joint summer professional development activities where teachers could share their best practices.
- Notices were shared with our community about the Top Lehigh Valley Workplace recognition and the special "Meaningfulness" award sponsored by the Morning Call and Workplace Dynamics. Kudos to everyone for making Southern Lehigh a great place to learn and work.
- Our Swim Team heads to Bucknell University tomorrow for State competition. Spring sports are in full swing.
- Congratulations to our Odyssey of the Mind winners. Several teams are advancing to the next level.
- Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Siegfried have been attending Colonial League meetings with discussions of expanding the league to include additional schools. Mrs. Miller is keeping me informed of those discussions and the potential impact to SLSD. Travel distance, size of schools, and number of sports are all being taken into consideration with recommendations that will bring no negative impact or additional costs to our district.