



Superintendent's Report

To: Board Members

From: Leah M. Christman

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- We need two Board members to help at graduation (Generally, this has been one male and one female).
- Reminder that Board Awards are scheduled for May 14, 2012, 7 PM in the High School Auditorium. Graduation is scheduled for June 1st, 6:30 PM in the High School Gymnasium. End of Year Celebration Assembly will be June 5th beginning at noon at the High School.
- We are exploring participation in the Pennsylvania Teacher and Principal Evaluation Project and PA's Race to the Top grant. Mrs. Lewis and I participated in a webinar with PDE and will be participating in another this week. The teacher evaluation is based upon Charlotte Danielson's work, which aligns with our current process. The principal evaluation model has not yet been disclosed but will align with the current Pennsylvania School Leadership Standards. These include 3 Core, and 6 Corollary standards. All of our Principals and I complete ongoing training (PA Inspired Leadership Series- PILS) related to these standards. We believe that the selected model will align with our current process, which is based on the Ten Dimensions of Leadership (Reeves) and we are hopeful that important details will be shared this week. PDE has indicated that all schools will be required to participate with the new evaluation system by 2013-2014. By participating in phase 3 and the RTT grant, we could secure funding for training that will not be available once the phase-in process is complete. Participation would allow our teachers and administrators to contribute to the decisions to determine student assessment data used as part of the process. See http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/newsroom/7234/teacher_evaluation/1034646 for additional information.
- I will be attending an all-day superintendent retreat for updates at LCTI on Thursday and a Superintendent meeting with updates from the Education Department at Kutztown University on Friday morning.

- We congratulate:
 - Mrs. Janet Miltenberger who has been identified as one of 39 semi-finalists for PA Teacher of the Year.
 - Mrs. Organiski and the students in Future Business Leaders of America for their excellent representation of SLHS at the FBLA State Competition. We have one student eligible to compete at the National FBLA Competition.
 - Mr. Collelli and the Technology Students of America for their excellent representation of SLHS at the TSA State Competition. We have four students eligible to compete at the National TSA Competition.
- We also have two students from the high school who are finalists for the new Southern Lehigh Chamber of Commerce – Young Entrepreneur Award. These students will give a presentation at the Shining Star Award meeting with the local chamber on May 9th.
- The Southern Lehigh Chamber of Commerce is holding a Casual for a Cause event at Putt U on June 14 beginning at 5:00 pm. The recipient of the fundraiser this year is the Southern Lehigh Library. (SLEF was the recipient 3 years ago). I would like to encourage everyone in our educational community to consider participation on behalf of our partners at the library.