

# Southern Lehigh School District

## Strategic Plan Report

To: School Board Members

From: Leah Christman, Assistant Superintendent

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- The Academic Standards and Assessment Report was **approved** by PDE on Dec. 12, 2008
- The Professional Education Report was **approved** on Dec. 4, 2008
- Only plans still needing final approval are Technology Plan (current plan does not expire until 2009) and Student Services- (under review by PDE -some revisions have been requested and we are working on compliance).
- Board members have been provided with snapshot documents showing mission, vision, goals, strategies and activities planned.
- The curriculum department will meet this month to determine specific timelines and accountability measures to ensure goals are met over the next 3 years, with action plan monitoring documents created.
- Some accomplishments to date:
  - **Academic Proficiency:**
    - Technology department and teachers are exploring strategies to ensure a scaffolding sequence for technology skills / standards to be implemented in curriculum.
    - Principals are observing and documenting Quadrant D lessons being delivered throughout District.
    - Team of Math teachers were trained and are working with Curriculum Dept. for electronic curriculum mapper that will allow sharing between teachers and with other districts to promote consistent quality, standards-aligned curriculum.
    - Dual enrollment opportunities are expanded for 2009-10.
    - Virtual field trips / collaboration via technology expanding through videoconferencing. (5th grade Mask Making; MS gifted connected with another school gifted) Units now installed in all buildings.
    - Curriculum dept. and Principals worked with a scheduling consultant on Dec. 16/17, to begin creating possible schedules for K-8 and to discuss considerations for 9-12.
    - We are partnering with Catasauqua SD, Blended Schools Network, and consulting with other PA schools to create summer school cyber options.
  - **Improved Communications:**
    - Website use continues to expand with surveys, new sites/pages, and feedback input from community.
    - Alert system operational and in use for snow delays/ closures. (Telephone chain no longer being used)
    - Policies are being posted on website as they are updated and approved.
    - Elementary Report Cards for grades 4 & 5 have been implemented using Power School. All elementary teachers K-5 have access and may use the Power School electronic grade book if desired.
    - Business/ Financial software selection/ details being finalized for possible adoption in 2009-10
  - **Highly Qualified Teachers:**
    - Plans for Winter/Spring academies are underway with Act 48 Committee. Sub-committees have been formed to plan PD for 09-10, improve communications via the website, expand offerings, and involvement by District staff.