

Southern Lehigh School District

Strategic Plan Report

To: School Board Members

From: Leah Christman, Assistant Superintendent

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Academic Proficiency:

- AP-2: On Dec. 3, an acting troupe from the Young Expressions Performing Arts, directed by Mrs. Nedra Fritzingler, presented "The Three Bully Goats Gruff" to students at Lower Milford. The play had a "bullying" theme
- AP-2/HQT-2: LB Rtl Discipline Team has completed its second training and is now working on developing a plan to teach students the expected behaviors when the plan is rolled out next school year.
- AP-2 : Hopewell held a school-wide CARES celebration in recognition of student school community earning 200 points/ rewards/ compliments
- AP-3 / AP-8: An IS/MS meeting to discuss the program known as Rigorous LA was conducted recently. Improvements to the course and criteria for participation were the focus.
- AP-3: Author/illustrator/musician Daryl Cobb shared his books and music, along with his passion for writing. His entertaining program also gave Lower Milford students an experience with the creative writing process.
- Veterans Day activities were held at all elementary buildings to honor local veterans.
- AP-8: 4Sight #2 has been given (grades 5-8 and 11) and is in the process of scoring and data input. Elementary common writing assessments are in process and inter-rater reliability scoring meetings are being arranged.
- AP-8: Elementary teachers from all buildings will be meeting on Monday, December 21st, to review new math text books as they continue their curriculum review process.

Improved Communications:

- IC-1, IC-4, AP-2, HQT-2, HQT-3: The IS PTG has been working continuously for the benefit of students and teachers at SLIS. To date they have conducted a spirit apparel sale, Family Fun Night, Promenade/Barnes & Noble Holiday Shopping day, Scholastic Book Sale, and Poinsettia sale. They have erected a "Giving Tree" in the lobby of SLIS to solicit gifts (gloves, hats, etc.) which they will distribute to underprivileged children and organizations within the Southern Lehigh community and beyond.
- IC-1/ IC-3: MS Parents informed of changes in Mid-term dates via website, ConnectEd and Power School Bulletin
- IC-1/IC-5: Parent access has been provided for families who have students enrolled in the Virtual Language courses. They will be able to monitor grades and course activities
- IC-4/ HQT-3: Liberty Bell's PTA will be hosting its Annual Holiday Shoppe on Saturday, December 5th, at Liberty Bell from 9:00 A.M.- 12:00 P.M. Students and their families will be having breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus as well as have the opportunity to shop for their families, take part in holiday games, and make crafts to take home.
- IC-4/ HQT-3: Barnes and Noble will be hosting Liberty Bell's Annual Showcase on Thursday, December 10th, from 5:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. Principal and teachers will be reading selected stories to the students, students will be showcasing their talents during the talent show portion, and the staff will be celebrity scoopers at Maggie Moos to wrap up the evening.
- IC-6: Communication regarding H1N1 Vaccination Clinic- we are working with LVH/AHB/Lehigh County School districts to plan an H1N1 Clinic for Dec 12-13 at Parkland HS; will be communicated to parents via website and ConnectEd.
- IC-3: District Technology council is utilizing a Wiki to share sub committee work. Next scheduled meeting is 12.07.09
- IC-1/ IC-5: Data regarding website hits attached.

Highly Qualified Teachers:

- HQT-1: Lower Milford is finalizing plans for a school wide "Math Camp" on December 9. This day extended from staff development emphasis on better utilizing Compass Learning lessons in our math classes. Compass Learning has collaborated with us to plan a day that will be engaging and instructional for our students, but has the greater purpose of modeling the integration of Compass Learning with our math lessons and math "center time." Follow-ups will occur at faculty meetings and grade level meetings to enhance this professional development opportunity at the building level – a further effort to move us toward greater understanding and implementation of Gold Seal Lessons at the primary level.
- HQT-1: Completed 1st round interview for Multimedia technician. Two dynamic candidates sent on to 2nd round interview being scheduled for 12.11.09
- HTQ-1, 2, 4, & 5: HS Reform team Kick-Off meeting will be held Dec. 16. The team is comprised of 8 students, 8 parents, 21 teachers, 3 building administrators, 3 central office administrators and 2 school board members. A teacher/ administrator team is traveling to the Pittsburgh area to visit 3 high performing school districts/high schools to learn more about their programs.
- HQT-3: HS, MS and IS Math teachers and administrators will attend the 2nd day of a data retreat on Dec. 14.
- HQT-5: Several elementary teachers and instructional aides will be attending the Kid Writing Training the district is hosting on Tuesday, December 15th.