

# Southern Lehigh School District Strategic Plan Report

**To: School Board Members**

**From: Leah Christman, Assistant Superintendent**

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## **Academic Proficiency:**

**AP – 1/ 10 /11 Jun 2010:** The PSSA preliminary data has been received by the district. Preliminary parent reports were sent home with report cards. Finalized reports and data with AYP will be available in August.

**AP-2, HQT-2 Jun 2010:** At the IS a Spartans of the Week program has continued, as has the “Teacher of the Week.” In addition to recognizing students demonstrating great Spartan ‘R’ behavior, we highlight a teacher each week by sharing a little about that individual over the morning announcements. Field day was held at SLIS during the past month. It was a huge success and enjoyed by all. Mrs. Farris and Mr. McGinty made visits to all 3rd grade elementary school classrooms prior to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade visitation to SLIS. The IS administrators answered students questions and shared with 3<sup>rd</sup> graders the plans for their visit with us on June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders from LM, LB and HWL visited the IS on June 10 and 11. Their visitation schedule included an introduction assembly, lunch in the cafeteria, tour of the school inside and outside, a Q & A session by homeroom with a 4<sup>th</sup> grade student panel, and time to partner with current 4<sup>th</sup> grade students and visit 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. The visitation, we believe, was well received as Mr. McGinty and Mrs. Farris heard many times over “this is the best school” and “this is the coolest school.” It appears that our incoming students have enthusiasm to spare! Our outgoing 6<sup>th</sup> graders visited the MS on May 10.

**AP-8, Jun 2010:** Math accelerated testing at the IS was completed. Letters sharing results were sent to parents, and administrators worked through conversations with parents with questions or concerns. There is a significant jump in the number of students ready to leap 7<sup>th</sup> grade mathematics from On-Level 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Twenty-four students performed well enough on the PSI 2 to move forward to the MS as Pre-Algebra ready students. Without data for concrete comparison, we believe this leap represents a significant increase over past years. Math at the IS was increased to 90 minutes per day over a previous 45 minute class.

**AP-8 Jun 2010:** The IS Language Arts teachers reviewed common writing data to make Rigorous LA recommendations for the 2010-2011 school year. Further, a complete data set showing the performance of all 6<sup>th</sup> grades students on common writing prompts was sent to the MS in the event that this data is needed for reference in conversations with parents.

**AP-8 Jun 2010:** SLIS teachers have begun the piloting of new math programs.

## **Improved Communications:**

**IC-3 Jun 2010:** The final SLSD technology council meeting was held on Monday June 7, 2010. All agreed that the regularly scheduled meetings helped to provide for great sharing of ideas and encouraged collaboration between buildings. We hope to build upon this next year.

**IC-4: Jun 2010:** Liberty Bell PTA hosted its annual Spring Festival Friday, June 11, 2010.

**IC-4/HQT-3 Jun 2010:** The Hoover Karate Academy came and presented their Stranger Danger assembly to Liberty Bell students on Friday, June 11, 2010.

**IC-7 Jun 2010:** Assessments for early entrants to KDG and first grade are complete and the results will be presented to the Education Committee.

## **Highly Qualified Teachers:**

**HQT – 1 Jun 2010:** Write Traits training on June 3<sup>rd</sup> went very well and the teachers have requested that the presenter return next year to continue the work that they started.

**Jun 2010:** Roll out of replacements for teacher laptops occurred with a smooth transition.

**HQT-1 Jun 2010:** The High School is working with the Special Education department to put some new procedures and training in place for co-teaching next year.

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HQT-2, IC-4 Jun 2010: Teachers from SLIS scooped ice cream at the Inside Scoop to benefit the SLIS PTG. The staff of SLIS attended an Iron Pigs baseball game on June 6 (picture below).

HQT -1 Jun 2010: iSupport Learning - Business Education teachers attended a webinar on June 21<sup>st</sup> on iSupport simulations, the various simulation software available, and research of the requested SIM for business – Personal Finance and Management. All 4 High School Business Teachers also completed a 6-week LCCC course for Dream Weaver webpage design to prepare for changes to the Web Design course.

HQT-1-HQT-5- Jun 2010: Seven administrators and 31 teachers participated in a 2-day workshop with presenters from Buck Institute for problem-based learning/ Quadrant D activities on June 23/24. Many high quality activities were generated as a result of the workshop. A ‘Critical Friends’ strategy was implemented to allow colleagues to make suggestions for each lesson/project idea in order to identify questions, concerns, positive feedback, suggestions for enhancement and next steps.

