

Southern Lehigh School District

Strategic Plan and Middle States Report

To: School Board Members

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Academic Proficiency:

- AP 1.1: Currently working on developing a Keystone/Mid-Term exam schedule that will be least invasive to our instructional time.
- AP 1.1: Examination of PSSA & PVAAS data was conducted at all buildings to assist in developing Building Plans for the 2012 – 2013 school year.
- AP 2.2: Open Houses were held at all buildings.
- AP 2.5: Buildings held beginning of the year assemblies that focus on Positive Behavior systems.
- AP 2.5: Buildings wore Red, White and Blue for Patriot day.
- AP 3.2: Universal Screening has been conducted and buildings are analyzing student data to begin our Response to Instruction and Intervention programs.
- AP 3.11: The hub at the HS is operating successfully and reducing the downtime students experience related to computer issues.
- AP 3.12: In K – 3 RtII, they are now using the EnVision Math benchmarking system to allow for better alignment to classroom instruction and provide more useful data for teacher.
- AP 6.3: Student laptops were distributed on 9/5/12 to kick off the 1:1 initiative. Students have embraced the technology and its usefulness in the classroom. Teachers are utilizing the technology for Quad D lessons and student centered integration.

Highly Qualified Staff:

- HQ 1.1: K – 3 staff have begun to be trained in the ELA PA Common Core Standards.
- HQ 1.3: Staff are in the process of creating personal goals and selecting their supervision models for the year. As a district we are beginning to utilize the Teacher Effectiveness program from the state.
- HQ 1.6: As part of the Teacher Effectiveness program participating staff will take an online training.
- HQ 1.8: Academy sessions took place on a variety of topics.
- HQ-3.1: Liberty Bell PTA is hosting two coffee hours for parents of our KDG and 1st Graders. It is designed to get the parents in to network and meet other parents in their students' class and grade level and get them involved in the school community.

Improved Communications:

- IC 1.4: Counselors met with 12th grade students to discuss college plans/processes and they will also be holding brown bag lunch sessions with students interested in meeting w/ counselors to discuss further plans.
- IC 1.5: The Human Resources page on district has been revised to incorporate the new online application system.
- IC 5.1: Moved to an online application system called Netchemia. All applications are now completed electronically and they are reviewed online by administrators as part of the hiring process.
- IC 5.1: Enhancements to the Sapphire Community Portal allows for easy posting of District messages.
- IC 5.1: Buildings continue to utilize Bb Connect to communicate with parents on an ongoing basis.
- IC 7.1: Board Policies have been revised/created along with their accompanying ARs when appropriate.