

# Southern Lehigh School District

## Strategic Plan and Middle States Report

To: School Board Members

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### **Academic Proficiency:**

- AP 1.1: In addition to online training in PSSA for all teachers proctoring the tests, buildings have been conducting meetings to review the state guidelines for test security, accommodations, groupings etc.
- AP 1.1: PSSA testing in reading and math will begin the week of March 24<sup>th</sup>. All buildings have been hard at work preparing for the testing.
- AP-2.1, 2.5: On Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, LB performed a musical to celebrate Liberty Bell's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The musical was titled *We Will Build a School* and was written and directed by Mr. Markley. The musical was about the history of Coopersburg and how Liberty Bell Elementary came to be.
- AP 2.5: HW has been focusing on relationships as part of their positive behavior program.
- AP 2.5: LM celebrated Read Across America day. There were a variety of reading focused activities throughout the day including a skit put on by the teachers that was based on the book *The Sneetches*. The message was about the importance of being kind to others and being accepting of all friends.
- AP 3.4: MS students participated in the Lehigh University Science Faire competition bringing home 2 blue ribbons.
- AP 5.1: Representatives from the K – 6 teachers are researching new reading programs.
- AP-6: LAN school implementation is ongoing at the IS. LAN school is a program that allows teacher to better monitor student work on laptops, and facilitates collaboration with the entire group.
- AP-6: Mimmio field testing is currently underway at the IS. The mimmio device turns basic white boards into smart boards.
- AP 6.3: iPads at the K – 3 level continue to be integrated into whole and small group instruction.
- AP 6.3: Teachers continue to integrate new hybrid learning ideas as a result of the Professional Development with Discovery Education.
- AP 6.3: Lower Milford second and third grade classes are blogging with their school partner classes through the use of Kidblog. They are using Popplet and the Write About app on the iPads to prewrite.

### **Highly Qualified Staff:**

- HQ 1: The food service department is being trained on the new reporting system they will need to use in the future.

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- HQ 1.1: Team meetings to review mid year data have been occurring at the K – 6 level and students are being reassigned to intervention groups based on the results.
- HQ 1.1: The March 28<sup>th</sup> inservice will include PVAAS training at the IS and the other levels will work on data analysis, material review and curriculum review.
- HQ 3.1: Mr. Jordan and Mrs. Takacs presented a parent workshop on Text Complexity.
- HQ 3.1: On March 11<sup>th</sup> the First Grade Spanish Immersion information night was held at Liberty Bell.

## **Improved Communications:**

- IC 5.1: The Daily Sub Log has been eliminated and the district is now using a report pulled from AESOP.