

# Southern Lehigh School District Strategic Plan and Middle States Report

To: School Board Members

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## **Academic Proficiency:**

- AP 1.1: There are some proposed changes to Chapter 4 – These changes affect the roll out plan for Keystone exams; including tested subjects and when it counts for AYP. We are closely monitoring the situation and when decisions have been made we will ensure that information is shared with all stakeholders.
- AP1.1: Mid Year benchmark testing has been completed and data review meetings have occurred at the K – 6 level. Results were utilized to modify instructional strategies and verify that interventions are working.
- AP 2.1: A “soup kitchen” day was held at the IS with teachers and PTG parents bringing in their favorite soup Crockpot recipes for all to sample. A “sweet treat & coffee” day was also held at Valentine’s Day. On 2/21, the Spanish Immersion classes held their Carnival to celebrate “Fat Tuesday” or the day before the first official day of Lent.
- AP 2.1: Buildings continue to promote a positive culture. Examples of activities include: Community outreach committee activities, Positive Behavior program recognition; Cup Stacking assembly at LB that focused on peer relationships and the importance of working as a team.
- AP 2.1: K – 3 schools celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School with a variety of special activities.
- AP.2.1: Liberty Bell is getting ready to kick off its annual reading program. This year the focus will be the Olympics as the Summer Olympics are being held in London this year. “Opening Ceremonies” will be held on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- AP 2.3: “Jump Rope for Heart” events were held February 6-10. This is an annual event during American Heart Month coordinated by the elementary Health/Phys Ed teacher. This event has several purposes, including making fitness important and fun, raising awareness of heart disease/stroke, and supporting the American Heart Association.
- AP 2.5: HW’s Jr. Spirit team met to plan upcoming school spirit days (100<sup>th</sup> Day of School 1/31, Go Red for Heart Health 2/3; Valentine’s Day on 2/14)
- AP 2.4: The IS Lifestyle Challenge has begun. Staff voluntarily participates in this annual program designed at building healthy habits (diet, exercise and rest). Participating staff have been split into teams and we are in the midst of a 10 week competition.
- AP 2.5: A presentation on the ROAD program was made to the SAP team. The team is currently evaluating whether or not we are able to institute it at the HS.
- AP 2.6: Students from DESIGN 21 at the MS presented at the student show case at PETE&C.
- AP 3.1: The HS Scheduling Committee presented the proposed schedule for the 2013-2014 school year.
- AP 3.2: A second round of CDT testing is currently taking place at the MS and HS.
- AP 3.5: Middle States Visit & self-study was successfully completed and results of the oral report can be found on the website.
- AP 3.7: Two more students enrolled into our in-house cyber program.
- AP 3.8: Students at the HS were educated about the Falling Whistles charity through the Student Council Charity Dance. Students raised \$1300 for the cause.

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- AP 3.9: An 8<sup>th</sup> Grade parent evening was held to educate incoming freshman parents about the course selection process and the high school courses.
- AP 3.11: A Survey of all 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students was conducted during course selection process to learn about their access to and comfort with technology
- AP 8.2: High School teachers in each department have compiled a binder of PBL lessons that they have used during the 1<sup>st</sup> semester.
- AP 11.1: The English and Math teachers are currently designing a PSSA boot camp for all juniors that will occur the week of March 5<sup>th</sup> just prior to PSSA testing.

### **Highly Qualified Staff:**

- HQ 1.1: The principal and school psychologist at HW presented information to their faculty on dealing with students with Oppositional tendencies on 2/22.
- HQ 1.1: K-6 teachers piloting the new science materials met on January 25th to reflect on the strengths and weaknesses of the program and assessments. This group will also work on pacing as well as implementation.
- HQ 1.2: Professional staff from across the district participated in the Pete & C conference
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- HQ 1.8: 25 teachers attended an academy presented by Judy Mayer, CLIU Occupational Therapist, which provided information on typical developmental milestones for the elementary school students, and the interventions and strategies for those students who have not yet met those milestones so that they may participate successfully in educational activities
- HQ 5.1: On Thursday, February 9, the LB RtII Team attended training at Pattan in King of Prussia. The training focused on formative assessments, the value of them, and how they can effectively be integrated into your everyday classroom instruction.

### **Improved Communications:**

- IC 1: The Superintendent has formed a Parent Communication Council that is comprised of representatives from all levels. This committee will meet quarterly to discuss ways to improve the district.
- IC 1.4: Media Day was held for our student athletes who have signed on to play at the collegiate level.
- IC 5.1: The HS Counselors visited the MS to assist with course selection.