

Southern Lehigh School District Strategic Plan and Middle States Report

To: School Board Members

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Academic Proficiency:

- AP1.1: Grades 3 – 8 are participating in PSSA testing. At least one homeroom at each building participated in the online version of the assessment.
- AP 2.1: The IS conducted a PSSA pep rally to promote good test taking behavior and strategy.
- AP 2.3: Southern Lehigh students continue to reach out and support our local community organizations. Examples include donating \$1130 raised by the Middle Schools “Empty Bowls” program to the local food bank and an “Alex’s Lemonade Stand” event at the IS to honor one of their students. These are just two examples of how our students are learning to care for their community.
- AP 2.3: Liberty Bell will hold its annual Passport to the World that celebrates the cultural diversity of the students and parents.
- AP 3.5: The Curriculum department met with K-12 Systems to receive further training on the assessment tracker. We are expanding the data that we are uploading in order to allow teachers greater access to results.

Highly Qualified Staff:

- HQ 1.1: The Curriculum department is planning the professional development calendar for next school year. Topics will focus on Common Core Standards and PVAAS.
- HQ 4.1: Data analysis meetings were held at the elementary level to share progress toward the goals and look forward towards planning goals for next year.

Improved Communications:

- IC 1: The Crime Victims Council of the Lehigh Valley presented a parent workshop on “No Bully Zone”. The presenter shared information on what children should know about bullying, tools for responding to bullying, and important things for parents to know.
- IC 5.1: The Food Service department utilized the Blackboard Connect system to immediately inform parents of a possible “phishing scam” with the EZSchoolPay site. Steps for parents to take were communicated and when the incident was resolved parents were again informed.