



## ***Superintendent's Report***

To: Board Members

From: Leah M. Christman

Date: January 27, 2014

- Board Visitation Dates have been changed to accommodate Board member schedules.

The new dates are as follows:

- Intermediate School - Tuesday, February 25 9:15 AM to 11:15 AM
- High School – Tuesday, March 4 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
- Middle School – Tuesday, March 25 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
- Liberty Bell – Tuesday, April 8 9:15AM to 11:15AM

Reminders will be sent and we hope many can attend to learn more about the many great things happening in or classrooms.

- Winter weather has been especially challenging since the New Year and I thank our parents for their patience, flexibility, support, and understanding of the difficult decisions we make regarding schedule changes. I'd also like to thank Mr. Bergey, our support services, grounds, and transportation crews who have been getting up many mornings by 4:00 a.m., sometimes earlier, to prepare for safe travel and to prepare our campuses. Student safety is priority #1. The process used to make decisions is posted on our website at <http://sbsd.org/files/filesystem/inclement%20weather%202012.pdf>. As of today, the last day of school is scheduled for June 12. I will continue to send electronic messages to parents and staff members, updating the dates for the end of school.
- Second semester has finally started, and teachers are working to ensure that our students will be prepared for PSSA, Keystone, and AP exams. They have some catching up to do and we are confident all will soon be back in the flow with their academics.
- I recently met with Dr. Anne Beiber, Interim President from LCCC to discuss our partnership and how LCCC can better serve Southern Lehigh students. Dr. Beiber shared some areas they are exploring including the potential to accept more properly credentialed teachers for Adjunct status in order to expand dual enrollment offerings to high school

students. LCCC is currently engaged in a search for a new President and that process going well. Our LCCC representatives, Mr. Mohr and Mr. Miracle are working on our behalf to ensure a great outcome of that search.

- LCTI will be launching a new seniors-only Biotechnology program next year that is designed like the current Emerging Health and Emerging Engineering programs. Students will earn college credit and have internship experiences in local businesses that involve biotechnology careers- an area that is quickly growing. LCTI program directors are visiting high schools to share more information with interested juniors.