



## Superintendent's Report

To: Board Members

From: Leah M. Christman

Date: January 13, 2014

- The Curriculum Office will be hosting a parent presentation on information about the current Keystone Exams and the Graduation requirements beginning with the class of 2017. There will be information regarding end of course testing, remediation and the Keystone Project. Two identical presentations will be offered on **January 16, 2014** in the **Middle School Auditorium** at 11:30AM - 2:00PM and again at 6:30PM - 8:30PM
- SLSD SPP scores compared to Charter schools where SLSD students are enrolled:

School (13-14)	SPP Score	Grades available	# of SL students enrolled
Agora Cyber	48.3	k-12	8
PA Cyber	59.4	k-12	11
21st Century Cyber	66.5	6 to 12	4
LV Charter HS for the Arts	75.3	9 to 12	12
Seven Generation	77.3	k to 8	12
Arts Academy	64	5 to 8	9
Central PA Digital Learning Foundation	31.7	k to 12	2
Circle of Seasons Charter School	none yet- new	k-2	5
Commonwealth Connections	54.6	k to 12	7
Lehigh Valley Academy Charter (an IB program)	85	k to 12	8
PA Leadership Charter School	64.7	PreK to 12	2
Pennsylvania Virtual	67.9	k-12	1

### Southern Lehigh Scores:

SLHS	84.6	9 to 12	
SLMS	89.3	7 to 8	
IS	93.8	4 to 6	
HW	89.4	k - 3	
LB	90.7	k - 3	
LM	82.5	k - 3	

- As explained previously, true comparisons are not possible due to different grade configurations and the way scores are calculated at different levels.

- SLHS will present *DreamWorks Shrek the Musical* opening on Wednesday, February 26th and running through Sunday, March 2. Tickets are available and selling **FAST!** Contact [SouthernLehighTheatre@gmail.com](mailto:SouthernLehighTheatre@gmail.com) for tickets.
- A tour of Lower Milford and Hopewell Elementary buildings was held on Wednesday, Jan 8 for Township supervisors and managers. Mr. Bergey and Rob Sarnowski from Barry Isett's office led the tours and answered questions. Board members- Mr. Lycett, Mrs. Parsons, and Mr. Merkle joined us. Lower Milford Supervisors Snovich and Wright, along with their township engineer, and Upper Saucon Supervisors Leonard and Spaeth, and Manager Tom Beil joined the tour.
- As I have reported previously, our Strategic Plan expires this year. While The PA Dept. of Education may not require a comprehensive plan with the new Chapter 4 regulations being approved, this type of planning provides valuable opportunities to engage stakeholders in setting direction for the future. We need to determine a plan for moving forward and how the Board would like to be involved in this work.
- Safety and Security Training/Preparedness- The District has a variety of committees and task force groups that meet monthly and/or periodically to plan for safety/security and to discuss anything that can be done to improve safety in and outside of the buildings. Specific plans are in place for a variety of situations and drills are run no less than monthly to simulate a variety of emergency scenarios. Administrators attend a variety of workshops, as new information is available on these issues. Any new information is shared with Principals to be shared with staff members. Notices to parents have been sent outlining our measures for preparedness. The District has MOU's with local law enforcement departments who have copies of all plans. Officers are welcomed in our buildings. They visit and occasionally have done training in the buildings. Safety audits have been performed internally, and also by State Police (HS), our SRO and the Auditor General's office, with recommendations instituted and/ or brought to the Board for approval or consideration. Details of our plans are kept confidential.
- I have received an invitation through US Department of State from IREX's Teacher's for Global Classrooms (TGC) Program <http://www.irex.org/project/teachers-global-classrooms-program-tgc> to participate in a panel presentation at their Global Education Symposium in Washington, DC. on Friday, February 21, 2014. TGC is funded by the US Department of State and provides American secondary school teachers with a yearlong professional development opportunity with the aim to help them integrate global education into their teaching. I'll be sharing with administrators of teachers who have participated in the PD this year what we are doing at Southern Lehigh to enhance our student's global understandings. "The Need for Global Education Initiatives" panel will be moderated by Joyce Warner, IREX's Senior Vice President. The program is paying all expenses for me to attend in Washington, DC. I have also encouraged our MS and HS teachers to apply to the program for next year.