



Superintendent's Report

To: Board Members

From: Dr. Leah M. Christman

Date: June 9, 2014

- I held my final meeting of the Superintendent's Communication Council on Tuesday, June 3rd. Topics discussed with parent representatives included student behavior at the prom and dances, and update on the elementary building plans, class sizes and enrollments, recommended summer reading, high school parking assignments, next year's calendar and parent conferences, traffic congestion on Preston Lane, and stress created by standardized testing and graduation requirements.
- The SWOT survey link was sent to all contacts through our electronic communication system. To date, almost 200 questionnaires have been completed. After school is finished, the results will be tallied in order to begin setting goals in our comprehensive plan.
- We recently received the results of the PA Auditor General's financial and safe schools audit. There were no weaknesses noted for the financial audit. We have corrected most of the findings of the safe school audit from the 2011–12 school year. There were no weaknesses noted for the 2013-14 safety audit, although suggestions were provided for consideration to strengthen security. These will be discussed in committee with any additional suggestions brought to the board for consideration.
- Mr. Bergey, Mr. Melber, and I have been meeting with our construction management team. Updates have been posted to the website for our progress to date. A tentative timeline is identified. We are operating on a tight schedule in order to aim for the new elementary building opening for fall 2016.
- The first annual Digital Film Festival Awards evening, a blue carpet event and collaborative effort between the Southern Lehigh Chamber of Commerce, SLEF, and the district was a great success. Approximately \$1000 was raised by the Southern Lehigh Chamber of Commerce to be donated to SLEF for teacher and student activities. Twelve student videos were showcased in four categories.

Southern Lehigh Chamber of Commerce board members voted prior to the event to select a top winner in each category. Representatives from the Chamber and SLEF judged the finalists to determine the Sponsor's Choice Award. Kale D., a high school student won the top honors with his music video sponsored by Coopersburg Construction Corporation. It was a fun-filled evening for students, parents, teachers, community members, and business leaders. Plans are already underway for next year's event which should be even better than what we experience this year. Highlights of the evening are noted in the latest edition of the [Laconian](#). Mr. Dougherty, high school teacher, and the Spartan mascot emceed the event.



SoLi Spartan and Mr. Dougherty on the *Blue Carpet*



Kale D. Wins the Sponsor's Choice Award for BEST VIDEO