

Southern Lehigh School District

Strategic Plan and Middle States Report

To: School Board Members

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Academic Proficiency Strategies:

- AP 2.2: Our K -3 buildings are having their annual play days where parents, students and staff enjoy the end of the year activities.
- AP 2.3: The IS and LM have completed the IU School Wide Positive Behavior Program training.
- AP 3.2: The K – 6 buildings are engaged in end of the year benchmarking. This data will be used to inform instruction for the upcoming year as well as to reflect on the instructional strategies that were used over the past year.
- AP 2.2, 8: At the IS, 6th grade parents with a background in the medical field were invited to come in and assist the students with the dissection of a pig heart.
- AP 2.2: Parents and Teachers collaborated at LM to program for Earth Day. Hands-on experiences with a variety of environmental and science-based activities were provided. Presenters included experts from Hawk Mt., PA Fish and Boat Commission, Lake Nockamixon, and the Department of Environmental Resources.
- AP 8.1: The HS staff has begun discussion about replacing midterm and final exams with more relevant test/projects as a culmination at the end of the course. Further research on this topic will be completed as part of the process.
- AP 11.1: Keystone exams were finished this past week at the HS.

Highly Qualified Staff Strategies:

- HQ 1.1: Members of our elementary RTII teams.
- HQ 1.1: More than 50 academies were conducted in the 2013-14 school year to provide differentiated workshops and focus groups. 17 of the academies were Focus Groups. In addition, more than 150 Independent Studies were completed by teachers this year.
- HQ 4: The PVAAS roster verification process is almost complete.

Improved Internal and External Communications Strategies:

- IC 4: Home Depot partnered with HW to freshen up the Hopewell Outdoor Habitat. Home Depot volunteered about 20 employees for the event and donated fresh flowers, plants and mulch which helped rebuild the Habitat.