

# Southern Lehigh School District Strategic Plan and Middle States Report

To: School Board Members

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## **Academic Proficiency:**

- AP 1: The Food Services department underwent a PDE School Nutrition Program Review. This review occurs every three years. Not only did we receive approval in all of the areas, we have been asked to be a mentor to any district that needs assistance with being in compliance with the guidelines.
- AP 2.1: K – 6 student artwork has been on display at the Yogurtree Café in Quakertown.
- AP 2.2: As a part of their School Wide Positive Behavior Plan, the IS gave bus drivers rewards to give to students to reinforce behaviors that meet the plan guidelines.
- AP 2.2: Elementary schools are having their end-of-the-quarter Student Recognition programs that reinforce positive behavior.
- AP 3.4: Schools across the district have been meeting to go over students' mid-year data so that they can inform instruction. Mid-year benchmarking assessments are almost done. The inclement weather has made some of our timelines change.
- AP 3.8: Some students from LM will be communicating with students in Hungary to share information about their countries, schools and cultures. Their communication will involve utilizing Dropbox to share writings and videos. Other classrooms at LM are also in communication with schools across the United States through things like "Google Mystery Hangout," Kidblog, and other methods.
- AP 3.8: Two third-grade classes at LB are working in partnership with the Philadelphia Zoo and the world-wide problem with tiger palm oil. They have been Skyping with zoo personnel and they will be presenting their possible solutions to the companies who use tiger palm oil in their products.

## **Highly Qualified Staff:**

- HQ 1.1: All staff has completed their yearly, required trainings through the HR department. This year the district switched to using an online training system called SafeSchools.
- HQ 1.1: The MS continues to participate in the state's Student Learning Objective training.
- HQ 4: Building level administrators are participating in online PVAAS training in preparation for the PVAAS.
- HQ 5.1: District administrators attended Day 3 of a leadership workshop on the Common Core Standards through Discovery Education in conjunction with Salisbury School District.