



Superintendent's Report

To: Board Members
From: Leah M. Christman
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- The staff kick-off of the new school year was very positive. The assembly on Tuesday, August 19 featured introductions of new staff, welcome from Mr. Sinkler, SLEA President and a presentation from Mr. McGinty on his trip to China this summer along with 2 of our teachers. SLSD parent/United Way representative shared the benefits to the work supported by the United Way and we kicked off our SLSD campaign. Dr. Christman shared 2 videos to inspire staff for a positive year- one to remind us all about the importance of communicating effectively and resisting the urge to *judge* before having the facts, the second- *Love Your People* – reminding us all about the importance of relationships and treating others as we want to be treated. Wednesday focused on training on Child Abuse as required by Act 126, and all teachers completed training on the new electronic lesson-planning program. Thursday provided time to prepare for the new school year along with new student orientation sessions in all buildings.
- Students continued to register today. Some of our class sizes are higher than we like and we are waiting to confirm withdraws before identifying any additional supports needed.
- Schools got off to a great start today! Everything ran very smoothly as teachers and principals welcomed the students back! Transportation also ran very smoothly.
- As a result of our allowing Channel 39/ PBS to use our JPLIS classroom for filming a children's show on science, they offered two of our students a station-sponsored scholarship (worth \$1200) to PBS39 Production U. It's an 8 day summer camp for students 9th to 12th grade to learn about journalism and television production. This year, three SLHS students attended PBS39 Production U, Jordan M, Talia T and Nicole S. PBS wanted to share some of their comments:
 - “Everything was wonderful. I couldn't ask for a better experience.”
-Talia T, 10th grade
 - “Thank you so, so much for this amazing experience. Hope to see you next year!”
-Nicole S., 10th grade

100% of students report they learned more about TV production
100% of students report they strengthened their teamwork and communication skills
95% of students report they enhanced problem solving and organizational skills
100% of students report they had fun
100% of students would recommend Production U to a friend
100% want to be contacted about attending next year



Talia T. (front left) Jordan M. (front right)



Nicole S.

Students were involved in covering every aspect of Musikfest during the camp.

See <http://www.wlvt.org/education/production-u/> for more information.