



Superintendent's Report

To: Board Members
From: Leah M. Christman
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- Our technology team did a great job of high school laptop distribution. As of today (Monday, Sept. 8), there are 197 laptops housed in the building on carts. The rest (857) are computers going home daily.

In summary:

18.7% of the computers are housed in the building on carts

81.3% are going home daily

- SLEF is again sponsoring the Triabiathlon -a bike/run race for students in grades 3-12. All participants will bike 4 miles and grades 3-6 will run 1.5 miles; 7-8 2.5 miles and 9-12 will run a 5K. The event is on Saturday, October 11, 2014 at 7:30 am. More information can be found at <http://www.triabiathlon.com/about/>
- Jeremy Melber, Director of Business Services has once again been named a finalist in in the 2014 Lehigh Valley Business CFO of the Year awards! Jeremy will be recognized at the 2nd annual "CFO of the Year" awards Breakfast, on September 17th at DeSales University. The winners will be revealed at the event. In addition to the awards event, *Lehigh Valley Business* is producing a special publication that will profile all of the honorees, and will be distributed at the awards ceremony. The supplement will also be inserted into and distributed with the September 22nd issue of *Lehigh Valley Business*.
- Mr. Bergey, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Dougherty and I met with our Continuous Energy Improvement HS student group- ***the Energy Tactical Squadron*** during Spartan block today, to kick off the year and engage the students in preliminary brainstorming to reduce our energy consumption. The students are excited to get started and will be meeting regularly to plan fun and lightly competitive activities to help everyone learn the importance of this project. Mr. Dougherty volunteered to take over the group as the teacher/sponsor.
- Mr. Melber and I will attend a Basic Education Funding Commission meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parkland Administration Building

to learn more about the work of that group and to provide input along with area superintendents and business managers. Also, CLIU is hosting a statewide videoconference event on budget reform for superintendents, business managers, and school board members. The event will take place at CLIU on Tuesday, September 30, from 7:00 to 8:45 PM. Any board member interested in attending should register using the link www.PAIU.org/vcon. Mr. Melber and I plan to attend, and I invite board members to join us.

- **Save the date!** John Draper, national speaker with the National School Public Relations Association will be visiting Southern Lehigh on **October 13**. We have applied to be part of Dr. Draper's recently launched "[Public Schools That Work](#)" program. He will be meeting with our faculty during the morning of their in-service day, and we are planning a special luncheon with Dr. Draper and some of our community leaders. I hope that board members will be able to join us for lunch and to hear Dr. Draper's inspirational talks. More information about the day will be shared soon. We are also encouraging our teachers, students, and community members to take part in the new *Public Schools That Work* Video Competition to celebrate the great work occurring in the district. Information on the contest can be found at: <http://www.nspra.org/pstw/video-competition>