



## *Superintendent's Report*

To: Board Members

From: Leah M. Christman

Date: May 27, 2014

- The Acting Secretary of Education, Carolyn Dumaesq, visited Liberty Bell Elementary last Friday to acknowledge the two Southern Lehigh schools who earned the **Governor's Excellence Award** for achieving a School Performance Profile of 90 or above.
  - Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School - School Performance Profile - 93.8 and
  - Liberty Bell Elementary School - School Performance Profile - 90.7

All of the students and teachers from Liberty Bell, and a representative group of sixth graders and their teacher from the Intermediate School attended. Dr. Dumaesq congratulated our community, noting the importance of everyone working together and supporting education to student achievement. Mr. Hafner and Mrs. Farris accepted the award banners on behalf of their buildings.



- One of our middle school students Jillian W, won "the most thoughtful response" to the survey questions following the *What's So Cool About Manufacturing* student video competition sponsored by [www.Dreamitdoitpa.com](http://www.Dreamitdoitpa.com). Southern Lehigh highlighted Lutron Electronics in the video they answered the question, What's so cool about manufacturing?. Following are her thoughtful responses to the survey questions after the project's completion:
  - **Question 1:** During my visit(s) to our manufacturer I was surprised by..."all of the different ways to make products. There were people who were operating high-tech machines, manual workers, and people using hand tools. All around were flags,

showing all the countries the company (Lutron Electronics) sells products to. I found it to be an interesting and exciting experience, and I think I would do it again in a heartbeat."

- **Question 2:** Through my involvement with the Student Video Project, I learned..."how many people it takes to run a large manufacturing company. Everyone we met and observed was so kind and welcoming. Each person had an equally important job, from the person inspecting the product to the people using large (and intimidating) equipment. I realized how hard it would be to run a successful company without any of the people, and I really came to a much larger appreciation of those people who have manufacturing jobs."

As a prize, Jillian will be receiving an iPad for herself and a pizza party for her team.

- Students from our Middle School recently served as VJ's (host video jockeys) for an international, multi-site videoconferencing event for Alex's Lemonade Stand Videoconference on Thursday, May 22, 2014, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Students collaborated with a high school in Taiwan to plan for this event, which raised funds worldwide for pediatric cancer research. This is the third year SLMS was selected to serve in this capacity.
- Two of our LCTI students, Casidy M. (cosmetology) and Nehemiah M. (electro mechanical engineering) were recognized at the Elmer Gates Enterprise Awards for Skills USA involvement, scholastic achievement, a positive work ethic, community service, and an entrepreneurial spirit. The awards breakfast was held on May 22. The Elmer Gates Enterprise Awards have been given since 1986.