



Superintendent's Report

To: Board Members

From: Leah M. Christman

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- The Curriculum Office held the first workshop for parents regarding Keystones Exams. About 50-55 parents attended and the curriculum directors and building principals fielded many questions. Additional sessions are planned and details are posted on the website: <http://www.slsd.org/parents.cfm?subpage=1592953>
- The high school and middle school began Keystone Exams for juniors and other students who have completed Alg I, Biology, and Literature courses prior to this year (and who have not taken or did not pass Keystone pilot exams). They experienced a smooth start so far. Students currently enrolled in the respective courses will complete end-of-The following schools have earned the 2012 Keystone Achievement Award course Keystone Exams during the May testing period.
- The district Security Task Force will be reconvening to review all district safety procedures. The task force last met in May 2010 to review safety audits, finalize district procedures and to plan staff training sessions. Procedures were recently reviewed with Upper Saucon Police Chief Coyle and a continued partnership with our local authorities was discussed.
- All district bus drivers were re-trained on the RED card system used for medical emergencies by our Director of Special Education and Lead Nurse. All drivers were tested for proficiency following the training.
- We are working on acquiring a Community Communications Intern through DeSales University to help with updating the district website and other communication tools. If all goes as planned, we hope to have this finalized by the next Board meeting.
- Mr. Melber has been exploring options for the purchase of a new car for the HS Driver Ed. Program.
- Congratulations to the following schools have earned the PDE 2012 Keystone Achievement Awards for meeting AYP for two consecutive years:
 - Southern Lehigh Middle School
 - JPL Southern Lehigh Intermediate School
 - Hopewell elementary
 - Libery Bell Elementary
 - Lower Milford Elementary