

Acting Superintendent's Report

To: Board Members

From: Leah M. Christman

Date: January 9, 2012

1. The Teachers of Critical Language Program (TCLP) grant for an Arabic Guest Teacher for the 2012-13 school-year was submitted today. We will know in February if we are a semi-finalist and by April if awarded.
2. We have requested 2 Chinese Confucius Institute Guest Scholars for 2012-13 through Berks County Intermediate Unit. (One for MS and one for HS) BCIU coordinators believe this should not be a problem.
3. New Board Member Orientation Booklets will be distributed.
4. School closures for inclement weather procedures will be shared with parents on our website and via BlackBoard Connect.
<http://www.slsd.org/files/filesystem/snow%20delay%20%282%29.pdf>
5. Middle States Accreditation process- ***Excellence By Design***
<http://www.slsd.org/districtandboard.cfm?subpage=1446967>
 - i.* Reception with visiting team at 5:00 PM in Board Room on February 6, 2012 – Everyone invited
 - ii.* Will need to set up visits with Board Members- Especially anyone who has served on Strategic Plan or any task force.
 - iii.* Report Out at 3:00 PM in HS Auditorium February 9th- Everyone invited
6. Keystones to Opportunity Grant (Literacy)- PA Dept. of Education Federal funding –Striving Readers \$38 Million PA received – one of 6 states. We have substantially completed pre-application- due this Friday, Jan.13. Our focus:
 - a. Literacy secondary level
 - b. Partnership w/ birth to age 5 and transitions