



# *Superintendent's Report*

To: Board Members

From: Leah M. Christman

Date: February 27, 2012

- Reminder of Board Visitation Days:
  - Thursday-3/1 MS & HS (3/8 make up day)
  - Tuesday-3/6 Elementary Schools
- We received State Audit report- (copies at each Board Member's seat).
  - A deficiency was found regarding documentation of all drivers. This was admittedly an oversight and has been corrected.
  - We were reminded that the recommendation to change passwords according to strict parameters was recommended. We increased our frequency and requirements, but not to the level recommended.
- We received notification from the Auditor General's safe schools assessment which is confidential and not part of the overall Audit report. The High School, Middle School and Hopewell Elementary were visited as representation of all buildings. Various recommendations were offered and are under review, have been corrected, or will be corrected:
  - Several items involved procedures that are followed but have not yet been added as part of the written manuals.
  - Expansion of drills and practices
  - Several items have been reviewed in the past
    - Single secured entry
    - Removal of all trees near buildings
    - Monitoring and surveillance equipment
    - Elementary students being issued ID tags
    - All playgrounds being fenced

We will continue to monitor all safety and security issues and will implement items as feasible.

- We received notification that we are a semi-finalist for TCLP grant through the US Dept. of State for an Arabic teacher for next year. A final phone interview is scheduled on March 6.
- Eddy Tang, International Programs representative for Hebei Provincial Education Department, China will visit our high school on March 12 to help us set up a Chinese 'sister high school'. He will also talk to any of our teachers who would like to spend 23 days (21st July-12th Aug+- 1 day) in China as part of their summer camp program. This will be their 4th summer camp run by the Provincial Education Department. Each year they have around 70 teachers from UK partner schools involved. Out of the twenty three days teachers will spend 13 days in working with Chinese teachers from partner schools in Hebei, the rest of time will be spending in travelling sightseeing and resting. If a SLSD teacher is selected, Hebei Education Department will pay for all their expenses including airfares, transfers, accommodations, sightseeing with all the entry tickets and food. The only thing they need to pay for themselves will be their own visa and travel insurance.