



Superintendent's Report

To: Board Members

From: Leah M. Christman

Date: August 13, 2012

- We had a very successful Administrative Retreat July 18-20. July 20 was spent on the Battlefield at Gettysburg (in 104 degree heat) learning about how leadership qualities that impacted various battles and ultimately the war, could be related to leadership today. The administrators really took a great deal away from this day. On the 19th and 20th, we summarized the lessons learned in Gettysburg and began constructing building and/or department annual goals, and personal growth plans for 2012-13. All completed plans are due in September and building/ department plans will be posted on respective websites. Building and department goals will piggyback off of the Superintendent's goals which will also be posted on the website.
- Mrs. Lewis, Dr. Donahue and Mr. Davidson attended an Emergency Drill at Parkland HS as preparedness training for a crisis situation involving firearms. This was a dramatic simulation that involved many surrounding emergency response personnel to mimic an actual event in order to help prepare schools for such emergencies. Three administrators from each district were invited to attend. Details and specifics were shared with our administrators.
- I attended another PA Dept. of Ed. webinar on the roll-out of Keystone exams and changes to PSSA. I'll be working with the administrative team to finalize plans and will construct and post a parent letter before school begins. All 11th graders and all underclassmen who have completed Algebra I, Biology, and 10th grade English will need to take the end-of-course Keystone exams in December or January. All students completing those courses this year will take the exams in May. Scores for underclassmen are 'banked' until they reach 11th grade and then will be used to determine the district's AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress).

- The electronic district calendar is posted on the website and the printed calendar is being printed at LCTI. LCTI is also taking care of mailing to all residents. We anticipate that calendars will be delivered before the start of school.
- All education administrators met on 8/13/12 to plan for the roll out of the Educator Effectiveness Program based on Charlotte Danielson's observation/ supervision model in July and August. All Administrators will have completed training by this Friday. The teacher on-line training is open on the PA Department of Education SAS (Standards Aligned Systems) site and teachers have been notified.
- We continue to keep a close eye on class sizes in our primary grades- trying to balance budget concerns with educational concerns with our youngest students.
- The Administration recommends no change on the prices for school lunches and milk purchases for the 2012-13 school year. Prices will remain as follows: Milk-\$.55; lunches- Elementary (including IS) \$2.35; Secondary- \$2.65; Staff/Adults - \$4.00
- Our Egyptian teacher, Hanan Gawdet has arrived from Cairo, and the Chinese teachers are set to arrive around August 23. We are still looking for host families.