



Superintendent's Report

To: Board Members

From: Leah M. Christman

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- A quick reminder that the community-wide fundraiser for the Joseph P. Liberati scholarship fund is scheduled at Putt U. on September 29. T-Shirts, totes and mini-golf hole sponsorships are being sold to benefit the scholarship. Proceeds from the day will also go to the scholarship. Contact- Sam Hafner at Liberty Bell Elementary.
- AYP results and the SLSD District Report Card are now published by the PA Dept. of Education. Both can be found at: <http://paayp.emetric.net/District/SchoolList/c39/121395703>. The District made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), and all buildings except the High School made AYP. The High School is designated as 'warning'. 11th grade student scores made AYP in Reading with a "Confidence Interval" but did not make the target in Math. The percentage of students who needed to be proficient for 2012 was set at 78% and 71% of our 11th graders met this target. This year the targets rise to 91% for Reading and 89% for Math, but the State is switching to Keystone exams. Keystones were designed to be end of course exams, but due to NCLB legislation, the State is phasing the Keystones in and all 11th graders will be required to take Algebra I, Literature, and Biology exams this year, regardless of when they completed the courses. Letters will be sent to parents of students impacted outlining plans for January and May testing windows.
- Our educational administrative team attended a training presented by our Special Education legal team from Sweet/Stevens on Section 504 Plans. "Section 504 is a part of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 that prohibits discrimination based upon disability. Section 504 requires the needs of students with disabilities to be met as adequately as the needs of the non-disabled are met." Our Food Services Coordinator, Psychologists, and Health Services Leader also attended the training.

- All educational administrators were trained on our new Educator Effectiveness Program and were presented with a digital presentation and teacher handbook to share with faculty. Principals will be conducting training with teachers in the upcoming month, so that everyone learns the new process and accountability measures for supervision and evaluation.
- Our e21 Cyber Option through IU21 is off to a great start. Two students who were attending cyber charter schools have returned to our district option. We have 5 students enrolled grades 8-11. Feedback from students has been very positive on the quality of the courses and the manner in which they are organized.
- The administrative team has been working with our nursing team to develop new guidelines for a wellness policy administrative regulation (AR), that provides stricter procedures for food related school celebrations. Food items will be limited to promote good nutrition and wellness, and to address food allergies.
- The High School continues to experience an overall positive deployment as we enter our third week with student laptops. Teachers report few problems and have been very positive about early use. CO and HS administrators have observed many classes utilizing the technology routinely and in new ways. We will be installing a software program on teacher laptops that will allow monitoring of student use during class. Surveys (through Clarity/ BrightByte) to collect baseline data on technology will soon be distributed to students, staff, and parents district-wide as part of our data collection plan.
- LCTI is featured for its “State of the Art Curriculum” in the PA Career and Technical Education publication. The document is linked on the agenda.