

Administrative Bulletin to Board Members June 14, 2013

Superintendent Report

New State Reporting Requirements

On Wednesday, Theresa Corle, Meredith Hendershot, Doug Leisher, Connie Mellott, Diane Younker, and I spent the day at the IU getting our first preview of the new state reporting requirements with regards to the school profile which will be replacing AYP. The importance of this reporting will be extremely important to the ranking of our school and some of the funding. I have asked Dan Berger from the IU to do a summative report at our July board meeting. This required reporting by the state is in addition to the many changes we have in regards to teacher and principal evaluations. I am sure the state in their infinite wisdom will provide us with the additional funds but, I guess that is simply a pipe dream.

Roof at High School

We have discovered a problem with the roof over the two story part of the high school, which was repaired and recoated two years ago after the hail storm. I have contacted the appropriate people, John and I will be meeting with them on Friday morning to determine what is to be done. The area where the problem is, is small but definitely needs to be fixed.

Track

John has been in communication with the company who is to resurface the track but so far has not been able to get them to reduce the \$8,000 quote for resurfacing the field event areas.

Elementary Principal

Title I and Title II

Title I and Title II funds have been released for the 2013-2014 school year. Southern Fulton has received \$118,560 for Title I (decrease of \$11,724 from 2012-2013). We received \$37,023 for Title II (decrease of \$1,582 from 2012-2013).

Special Education

Para-professional Conference

I attended the Para-professional Conference in Huntington on 6/11 & 6/12 with five of our paras from Southern Fulton. The paras volunteered their personal time to go to receive training toward their 20 hours of mandated training required by the state of PA. I was asked to present at the conference both days, which I did.

ESY

ESY began June 10, 2013, and will proceed until August 8, 2013. Every student has a different schedule depending on the needs of that particular student. We do have several students attending a summer long program in Bedford to assist with mental health concerns. I am currently in the process of trying to obtain outside resources to assist with transportation expenses for this service given the fact that it is a medical need.

Tammy Palmer

Tammy Palmer was selected as the Paraprofessional of IU 11 for the current school year. Letters had to be submitted to IU 11 indicating why this person should receive this honor. I wrote a letter, I had a parent write a letter, as well as another individual write a letter on Tammy's behalf. She is going to be invited to the next Board Meeting to receive her certificate and plaque for this honor.

Staffing

No changes in the staff for Special Education are anticipated for the upcoming school year. There will be several re-assignments of duties for the upcoming school year based on student's needs.

Compliance Monitoring

Southern Fulton will be going through Compliance Monitoring for the 2013 - 2014 school year. Many changes have been implemented into the monitoring, which will require a team of individuals reviewing three years of consecutive IEP's to determine educational benefit. Individuals from the school as well as from the IU will assist with the self-monitoring component. The LEA is to attend a mandatory training this summer to be advised of the requirements for the monitoring. I will be attending PATTAN for this training in July or August.

Technology Specialist

Job Shadowing

Towards the end of the school year, I met with an 11th grade student who wanted to job shadow me. He's interested in getting into the information technology field when he graduates. He job shadowed me for about 35 minutes. I showed him how I was using virtualization to consolidate servers and therefore not need so many physical servers. I also showed him the nComputing devices I'm using to virtualize student computers (allow multiple students to simultaneously use the same physical computer). Though he had extensive computer knowledge, he hadn't had the opportunity to work with servers or virtualization yet. This seemed to be a very positive experience for him.

Server Virtualization

Via server virtualization, I was able to shut down one physical server at the elementary and two physical servers at the high school. If all goes well this summer, I'll only have three physical servers at the high school and two physical servers at the elementary.