

# **Administrative Bulletin to Board Members**

## **September 27, 2013**

### ***Superintendent Report***

#### **School Performance Profiles**

October 4, 2013, the Pennsylvania School Performance Profile will be available to the public. It will provide academic ratings for each school buildings based on a 100 point scale. This system replaced AYP and will be utilized in the new teacher evaluation tool.

The new system will allow you to search for school profiles either by name, county or map and have access to school district demographic data. It will also provide access to reports such as school safety, special education data, and state audit reports along with details on academic performance. Each school's performance will be based on a number of indicators, including: academic achievement (40%), closing the achievement gap (5%), closing the achievement gap for historically underperforming students (5%), academic growth / PVASS (40%), and other academic indicators (10%). On Thursday, the principals and I were able to preview the school performance profiles for the elementary and high school. Mrs. Hendershot and Mrs. Corle will have copies and preview them with you at the Tuesday, October 1, 2013, special meeting to be sure you have reviewed the profile prior to public release.

### ***High School Report***

#### **National Honor Society**

Several members of the National Honor Society volunteered as "servers" at the Lasagna fundraiser held to benefit Tristan Douglas. The students helped in the kitchen and served food to those who dined on-site. Mr. Sholes, the NHS advisor, received an appreciative email from the sponsors of this fundraiser praising the SFHS students.

#### **AP English**

SFHS has received official notification that our AP English curriculum has been approved. Mr. Sholes is teaching this course for the 2013-2014 school year.

### ***Elementary Report***

#### **Mobile Ag Ed Science Lab**

The Mobile Ag Ed Science Lab visited Southern Fulton Elementary during the week of September 16-20. Once stationed at our school, students enter the lab to perform science experiments that teach lessons focused on farm, food, fiber and the environment. Mobile Lab visits to schools are coordinated with the preparation of teachers and their classes for the science experiments. A certified teacher travels with the lab to lead each class in the science experiments. The lab is equipped with all the materials and supplies needed for the experiments. Teachers and students reported that the activities were excellent. Teachers reported that the activities tied closely to Environment and Ecology Standards as well as Science and Technology Standards.

#### **Title I Service Meeting**

Southern Fulton Title I teachers, Mrs. Kathy Cutchall and Mrs. Tammi Ifert, presented an overview of Title I services to students in a parent informational session held on Thursday, September 26 from 3:15 to

4:30 PM. Parents had an opportunity to hear more about the services offered, see curricular materials, and to speak to Title I staff regarding their child.

### **Classroom Diagnostic Tools Test**

Students in Grade 6, who are assessed with the PSSA, will be taking a Classroom Diagnostic Tools test or (CDT) which is a computer adaptive test. Students will complete a series of multiple choice questions in mathematics, reading/literature, science, and writing. Computer adaptive tests base question difficulty on how the student answers prior questions. This allows each child to be given a unique set of questions which allows the teacher to see a diagnostic report of how the student performs in each assessment area. This helps to guide instruction by allowing parents and educators to see how children are performing in relation to the Pennsylvania Assessment Anchors and Eligible Content. The CDT is based on content assessed by the Pennsylvania System of School Assessments (PSSA) and Keystone Exams. By utilizing Learning Progression Maps, educators will continue to develop strategies for extending each child's learning. The recommendation from the Pennsylvania Department of Education is to administer the CDT tests to students three times during the school year.

Students in grades 3-5, who are assessed with the PSSA, will be able to participate in a field test of the CDT in math, reading, science, and writing. The field testing window is open from October 1 through November 27, 2013. The CDT test is slated to be operational for students in grades 3-5 beginning in May, 2014.

### **Upcoming Elementary Events**

October

3	Grade 6 to Reed Englert Farm for Youth Ag Day
6-12	Fire Prevention Week
16-17	Mobile Dentist visit
17	Grade 3 Field Trip to Washington D.C.
18	No School- Inservice Day
21-25	Elementary Book Fair National School Bus Safety week
24	End of Marking Period 1
28-Nov. 1	Red Ribbon Week
29	Picture Make-up Day
30	Report Cards distributed

### ***Facilities Manager Report***

#### **Propane**

The existing propane tanks have been removed by Southern States. AC&T has installed 4 (1000 gallon) tanks and run the supply line to the existing regulator located outside the building from where the shut off valve is located in the custodial closet. From here propane will supply the garage and the science labs and continue on to the temporary line that will be installed next week by Heim Company to supply the boiler. The plan is to fire the boilers next Friday Oct 4, and test the system. The natural gas line is now installed up, over, and down the build to get the natural gas to the rear of the building.

The Columbia Gas line is currently being installed. They have come from Mellotts to just before the rest area. They seem to be proceeding at a pace of about 250 to 300 feet per day.

### **Renovation Update**

We are preparing to clear the library, conference room, library office, and classroom A131 by the high school office for Phase 1 of the project. We will also be marking any items we want salvaged for sale or reuse. The storage containers have been vented and are now ready to be used for storage. We will also be taking items out of the old elementary school to be ready for demolition.

### **Elementary Chiller**

The number 2 system chiller leak at the elementary has been repaired; however, the installer of the chiller soldered the lines they installed. This is a high pressure system (410A refrigerant) which reaches pressures over 300 psi which requires the lines to be brazed. This also would have voided the warrant of the chiller. We will charge the system to the required charge once the weather is warm enough to call for the backup compressor to run.

### **Installation of a Chlorinator**

We will be installing a chlorinator in the mechanical room at the high school. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. The cost will be approximately \$850.00.