

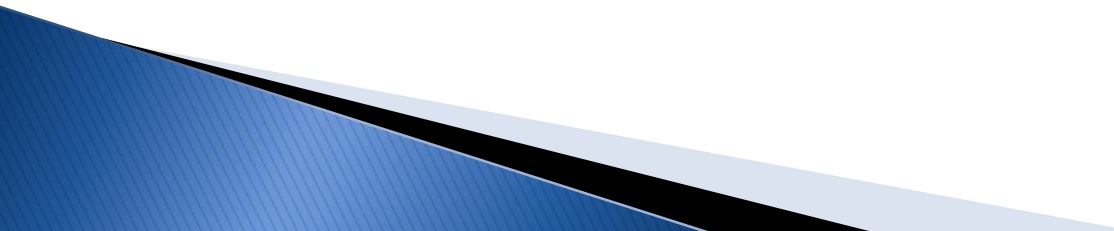


ACCOMPLISHMENTS

during
2009-2010

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Areas of Accomplishments

- ▶ Financial Impact
 - ▶ Construction Projects
 - ▶ Administrative Leadership
 - ▶ School District Operations
 - ▶ Educational Projects
 - ▶ Honors and Awards
 - ▶ Superintendent Honors
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Financial Impact

- ▶ Management of the Fund Balance –
 - Preparation for pension increases and capital projects
- ▶ School Taxes
 - One of the smallest millage rate increases in the area while maintaining all programs, staffing and advantageous class sizes
- ▶ Bond Refinancing
 - Savings of \$1,225,000 in interest
- ▶ Exemplary Audits
- ▶ Grants Obtained
 - Project PA and School Breakfast: \$8,000 & \$2,000
 - Least Restrictive Environment: \$15,000
 - Inclusion: \$10,000
 - Department of Education Behavioral Health: \$41,000

Construction Projects

- ▶ Energy-Conscious and Environmental Conservation Projects
 - Geothermal HVAC systems in four schools
 - Fuel and lighting system modifications
 - Resulted in 11% reduction in usage
 - Plumbing system changes
 - Reduced water usage by 1 million gallons
 - Rydal: new HVAC system
 - Senior High School:
 - Continuation of window installation project
 - New entrance project
 - Gymnasium re-roofing

Administrative Leadership

- ▶ Administrative Workshops
 - Aligned goals for student achievement
- ▶ Delaware Valley College
 - Educational Leadership Program – Abington Cohort
- ▶ Delaware Valley Minority Student Achievement Consortium
 - Business management and accounting support
 - Cost avoidance of \$12,000

School District Operations

- ▶ New and updated electronic Board Policies and Superintendent's Administrative Procedures
- ▶ Strategic Planning
 - Superintendent's Committees addressed goals related to:
 - Gifted Education
 - 21st Century Curriculum: Mandarin Chinese
 - School Climate and Healthy Student Development
 - Data Warehouse
 - Energy Conservation
- ▶ Connections to parents and community enhanced by AMP Cable TV Channel which broadcasts Board meetings, news and events, and awards and accomplishments of the students, staff and district.

Educational Projects

- ▶ Response to Instruction and Intervention
 - Expanded to implementation in all elementary schools
- ▶ Student Achievement
 - All schools made AYP
 - All schools, including each of the disaggregate groups, achieved the state-required target in mathematics without the need for a special provision such as the growth model, the confidence interval, etc.
- ▶ Getting Results/Opportunities to Learn
 - Instrumental in achievement results shown on PSSA's and narrowed achievement gaps

Educational Projects (continued)

▶ Technologies Initiative

- Interactive whiteboards installed in all elementary regular education and special education classrooms
 - K-6 Professional Development related to the interactive whiteboards developed and presented by a team of 24 elementary regular education and special education teachers
 - Technology Coach appointed to work with K-6 special education teachers and with regular education teachers who have special education students included in their classes
 - The role of the Technology Coach at the secondary level was expanded to serve staff working with grades 7 through 12.
- ▶ Inquirer Report Card on the Schools (September, 2009) highlighted the use of instructional technology at Abington Senior High School

Educational Projects (continued)

- ▶ Abington Schools Selected for Gallup Poll Survey by America's Promise
- ▶ Fruits and Vegetables and Exercise (FAVE) Club implemented by the Wellness Committee to promote nutrition and physical activity
- ▶ Odyssey of the Mind Competition
 - McKinley Elementary School's team won at the regional level and qualified to participate in the States and World competitions.

Honors and Awards

▶ “Triple Crown”

- America’s Promise 100 Best Communities for Young People
- Money Magazine’s 100 Best Towns to Live in America
- Philadelphia Magazine
 - Abington Senior High School’s Service Learning Program: Best in the area
 - Abington Senior High: One of the best high schools in the multi-county region

Honors and Awards (continued)

▶ Opportunities to Learn Presentations

- PASA/PSBA School Leadership Conference
- PA Title I Improving School Performance Conference
- PaTTAN Conference: Best Practices Forum and Effective Practice for Suspension and Expulsion Training

▶ National Merit Scholars

- 28 students attained National Merit, National Achievement and National Hispanic Recognition

▶ Mathematics Contests

- International Mathematics Olympiad for Elementary Schools - 24 students scored in the top 2 %
- Atlantic-Pacific Contest – First Place in Division
- PA Statistics Poster Competition – 20 winning entries

Honors and Awards (continued)

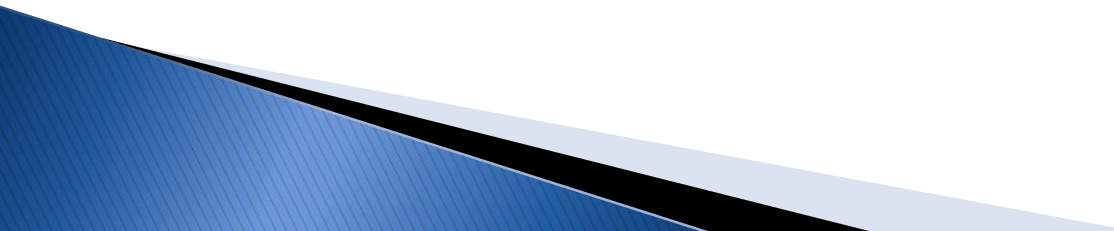
- ▶ Scholarships
 - Total value of scholarships earned: over \$5 million
- ▶ Service Learning
 - Over 90,000 hours donated by Abington students
- ▶ Garden Club
 - Won PA Nurserymen's Award for best design in the Front Porch category at the Philadelphia Flower Show
- ▶ "Grove of Trees"
 - Established by class of 1960 to honor deceased classmates and to promote breast cancer awareness
- ▶ Breast Cancer Awareness Football Game
 - Raised approximately \$4,000 to contribute to local charities

Honors and Awards (continued)

▶ Teacher and Staff Awards

- Jeffrey Chou: Finalist for 2011 PA Teacher of the Year
- Steven Portman: Finalist in 2010 Voices of Inspiration for Teacher Excellence Award
- Anne Marie Magaha: Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching
- Nancy Voigt: Music Educators' Citation of Excellence
- Michael Johnson: 2010 Keystone Technology Integrator
- Kabrene Pittman: 2010 Keystone Technology Integrator
- Laurence Goldberg and Michael Johnson: Participants in Microsoft Innovative Teachers Forum
- Lauren Strohecker: PA Librarian Association's Outstanding Student Librarian for 2010

Superintendent Honors

- ▶ PA 2010 Superintendent of the Year
 - ▶ eSchool News Tech Savvy Superintendent of the Year- One of ten in the nation
 - ▶ Elected 2010-2011 President of the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators
 - ▶ Selected to serve on the Board of Governors for the American Association of School Administrators
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Superintendent Presentations

Recognition for Abington School District with Minimal Financial Impact

- ▶ PA Association of School Administrators Design and Construction Conference – Presenter
- ▶ Chartwells School Dining Services National Meeting – Panelist
- ▶ Title 1 Improving School Performance Conference – Presenter
- ▶ PA Association of School Administrators – Presenter
- ▶ Education Executive Advisory Board at the EdNet, 21st Annual Educational Networking Conference: Invited Panelist
- ▶ College Board and Hanban Institute, China: Chinese Bridge for American Schools – Invited Participant