



In December, I was invited to the 20th Annual Safe Schools Conference in Harrisburg to receive a district award. This was the first year of this "inaugural" Center for Safe Schools Champion Award; only one district in the entire commonwealth of Pennsylvania was selected. The Central Greene School District was the first district in Pennsylvania to be chosen. Projects and qualities of note that were highlighted as the rationale for award selection included:

- our attention to and communication with students and members of our school community, via programs like our Weekend Backpack Food Program
- our embracing of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program
- our ability to thrive within a low socio-economic environment

As the first district in Pennsylvania to win this award, we have much of which to be proud. Awards of this nature do not represent the work of a lone person. It is our families, our students, our staff, our board of school directors, our administrators, all of us together, who make such progress possible.

I thank and congratulate each of you for this group effort.

I'm proud to be a member of the CGSD community and even prouder of the cohesive and collaborative work that we do together to help our students.

Remember, it is truly only together that we rise.

With sincere thanks and appreciation,

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