

## SOUTH FAYETTE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

The educational policies of South Fayette School District are set by a nine-member Board of School Directors who are elected to serve four-year terms. The Board is responsible for local school matters. It legislates policy within the framework of the state school code and the regulation of the Department of Education of the Commonwealth. The Board welcomes community members to its meetings. Monthly committee and regular meetings are held in the High School Conference Center at 7 p.m. on the 3rd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Members of our Board of School Directors are: Vincent Lamberti, President; Leonard Fornella, Vice President; Suzette L. Collins; Denise W. Ford; Jo Ann Mazza; Christopher Niemann; Todd Petrillo; Thomas Welch; and Alan Wood.



Front Row (l to r): Jo Ann Mazza, Tom Welch, Vincent Lamberti, Suzette Collins; Back row (l to r): Christopher Niemann, Todd Petrillo, Denise Ford, Alan Wood and Leonard Fornella.

### ORGANIZATION AND STAFF

In the 2004-2005 school year, enrollment in South Fayette School District totaled 1,928 students. There were nine administrators directing school operations: a Superintendent; an Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Director of Pupil Personnel; Elementary, Middle and High School Principals; and a Director of Finance and Business Operations.

In 2005, Standard & Poor's ranked South Fayette School District 8th out of 501 school districts in the Commonwealth in overall district performance of reading and math proficiency, based on 2003-2004 testing data. According to the latest results, South Fayette students consistently ranked among the top schools in the county and state, with **South Fayette's 5th grade students ranking number one in the state in math proficiency, and number 3 in the state for reading proficiency. They are number one in Allegheny County for both reading and math.**

At South Fayette we take pride not only in the excellence of our students, but in our staff as well. Our highly skilled faculty is often recognized by professional and community organizations for their outstanding creativity and dedication to students. High School teacher Maureen Sirc received the Carnegie Mellon University Sigma Xi Award for Outstanding High School Math Teacher in Allegheny County. Social Studies teacher Mary Chambon was also a regional semi-finalist for the 2005 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year Award. Last year South Fayette's Middle School

## OUR STAFF

received the Charles Gray Award for Excellence in Art Education. The award is presented annually and its purpose is to recognize special achievement in arts education and to encourage arts integration throughout the school curriculum.

Throughout our District, you will find teachers, staff and administrators who are dedicated to providing the highest quality education for our students with a challenging academic environment, as well as opportunities to excel in athletics and the arts.

### HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS

A highly qualified teacher, according to the U. S. Department of Education, is fully certified, has a bachelor's degree and has completed a content area major or has passed a content area test in the subject he/she is assigned to teach.

In Pennsylvania, a fully certified teacher must have a bachelor's degree, a content area major and have passed a content area test. In addition, fully certified teachers in Pennsylvania have completed pedagogical course work in education, including student teaching.



### SOUTH FAYETTE STAFF (FULL AND PART TIME)

Administration	9	Transportation	34
Teachers	143	Custodial/Maintenance	23
Paraeducators	18	Food Service	27
School Psychologist	1	Public Relations	1
Registered Nurse	1	Greeters	2
Technology Support	5	Student Monitors	6
Office Assistants	16	<b>TOTAL STAFF</b>	<b>286</b>

**In the 2004-2005 school year,**

**99.3% of the South Fayette faculty met the No Child Left Behind standards for highly qualified teachers.** At the high school level, there was one professional with a Bachelor's Degree teaching Japanese on an emergency certificate granted by the Pennsylvania Department of Education Bureau of Teacher Preparation and Certification.

The state average in Pennsylvania for highly qualified teachers is 96.7%. The South Fayette School District takes pride in the tremendous skill and dedication of our faculty and staff. The pie chart (right) details the educational background of our faculty.

### TEACHER CREDENTIALS FOR 2004-2005

