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Informational/ Issues Update (State/Federal/County/Committees)

- **SBAC Release of Minimum Technology Requirements**
 - Smarter Balanced has released its minimum hardware and software requirements for existing computers. These requirements are part of “The Smarter Balanced Technology Strategy Framework and System Requirements Specifications” report located on the Smarter Balanced Web site at: <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/smarter-balanced-assessments/technology/>. Questions regarding the minimum technology requirements should be directed to: sbac-itreadiness@cde.ca.gov.

- **K-12 Voucher Program (AKA Microsoft Settlement)**
 - **Do you have unused funds in the Ed Tech K-12 Voucher program?**
 - Many districts and charters that received the Ed Tech K-12 Voucher grants have a substantial amount of unused funds (Outside Source). In an attempt to draw attention to the voucher balances for districts and charters, the parties to the settlement and the CDE have decided to send out the information through listserv messages and flyers at conferences. We hope this will bring some attention to available funds that schools could surely use during these lean times. We hope you can assist us to disseminate this information by sending out the EdTech K12 Voucher flyer (See Attached Flyer.) through your listservs and newsletters.

- **E-Rate – Don't forget to sign up for the E-rate Workshops!**
 - **REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN FOR THE CDE/K12HSN FALL 2012 INTERMEDIATE ADVANCED E-RATE TRAINING!**
 - Intermediate Advanced E-RATE TRAINING DATES:
 - **November 27th and 28th**
 - **December 6th and 11th**
 - The California Department of Education (CDE) in conjunction with the K-12 High Speed Network (K12HSN) is pleased to announce that there are still openings in the fall 2012 E-rate training sessions for all school districts/charter schools, county offices of education, libraries, and service providers throughout the state. Currently, over 640 people have signed up and plenty of openings are available on various days and locations.
 - All training dates are available live in person, by videoconference, or by live streaming (webcast) to your computer. For details on the trainings and to register please go to:

- **E-rate and CTF Training Schedule and Registration:**
<http://www.k12hsn.org/programs/erate/trainings.php>

- **Grants & Funding Opportunities:**
- **GetEdFunding** is CDW-G's new website to help educators and institutions find the funds they need to supplement already stretched budgets. GetEdFunding is a free and fresh resource, which hosts a collection of more than 600 grants and opportunities culled from federal, state, regional and community sources and available to public and private, prekindergarten through grade 12 educators, schools and districts, higher education institutions, and nonprofit organizations that work with them. The site offers customized searches by six criteria, including 45 areas of focus, nine content areas and any of the 21st century themes and skills that support your curriculum. Once you are registered on the site, you can save the grants of greatest interest; then return to read about them at any time.
 - [Click Here to Visit Website: http://www.getedfunding.com/](http://www.getedfunding.com/)

- **Enhance Student Learning Using Digital Media**
 - PBS LearningMedia and The Henry Ford have announced the third annual PBS Teacher Innovator Awards in recognition of innovative preK–12 classroom educators, media specialists, technology coordinators and home-school educators who use digital media to enhance student learning. Entrants must submit a short video or PDF with text and images that showcases their work. Entries can be a demonstration of a unique teaching technique or the outcome of influence on student work. Thirty educators in total will receive prizes for their outstanding work, with the top 10 winners receiving a professional development prize package for a week-long, all-expenses-paid “Innovation Immersion Experience” at The Henry Ford in Dearborn, Michigan, in August 2013, and a free professional development course from PBS TeacherLine. Ten second-place winners will receive a Promethean ActiView document camera. And all first- and second-place winners, plus 10 third-place winners, will each receive a tote bag full of goodies from PBS and The Henry Ford.
 - **Deadline:** Entries are due by December 12, 2012; winners will be notified by March 31, 2013.
 - [Click Here for More Information: http://bit.ly/TK0tDA](http://bit.ly/TK0tDA)

- **Develop the 4Cs in a 21st Century Setting**

- The second annual Follett Challenge encourages educators to align their curriculum to teach 21st century learning skills—and is offering double the prize money as last year to those who do. Educators from all departments in schools can enter to demonstrate how their programs develop critical thinking, communication, creativity and collaboration between students and among educators in a 21st century setting, no matter the resources available. The Follett Challenge is open to all public and private K–12 schools in the United States and Canada, as well as to international schools that meet the criteria for participation. To enter, schools should submit a three- to five-minute video along with an overview of the program and its impact on student advancement. This year’s total prize value has increased to \$200,000, and six winners will again be selected. The two grand-prize winners will each receive \$60,000 in products and services from Follett, and the remaining prizes will range in value from \$35,000 to \$5,000.
- Deadline: January 4, 2013; winners will be announced April 3, 2013, with celebrations to be scheduled the following month at the two grand-prize-winning schools. [Click Here for More Information: http://bit.ly/TK0c3J](http://bit.ly/TK0c3J)

- **Increase Student Interest in STEM and Mobile Technology**

- The Verizon Innovative App Challenge provides an opportunity for middle school and high school students, working with a faculty advisor, to use their STEM knowledge, their ingenuity and their creativity to come up with an original mobile app concept that incorporates STEM and addresses a need or problem in their school or community. The goal of the challenge is to provide an engaging and empowering learning experience to increase student interest and knowledge in STEM and mobile technology. Prizes include grants of \$10,000 for 10 winning schools, and Samsung Galaxy Tab wireless tablets for students. Winners that bring their apps to market by June 7, 2013, will receive free trips to the 2013 Technology Student Association conference in Orlando, Florida, where they will present their apps.
- Deadline: Entries must be submitted by January 18, 2013.
- [Click Here for More Information: http://bit.ly/SQfyIH](http://bit.ly/SQfyIH)

Free and Inexpensive Resources

Spread Great Educators' Great Ideas

- TED-Ed's commitment to creating lessons worth sharing is an extension of TED's mission of spreading great ideas. TED-Ed's videos aim to capture and amplify the voices of the world's greatest educators. Within the growing TED-Ed video library, you will find carefully curated educational videos, many of which represent collaborations between talented educators and animators nominated through the TED-Ed platform. The "Flip This Video" button allows you to turn any useful educational video, not just TED's, into a customized lesson that can be assigned to students or shared more widely. You can add context, questions and follow-up suggestions. You can distribute your lesson publicly or privately and track its impact on the world, a class or an individual student.
[Click Here to Access and Create Video Lessons](http://bit.ly/TK0N5s): <http://bit.ly/TK0N5s>
- Plus: Take a look at this detailed lesson on the life of a typical Roman teenager 2000 years ago. A Glimpse of Teenage Life in Ancient Rome is a new TED-Ed lesson developed by Ray Laurence from the University of Kent. The video and its associated questions feature Lucius Popidius Secundus, a 17-year-old living in Rome in AD 73. His life is a typical one of arranged marriages, coming-of-age festivals and communal baths. [Click Here to Access Free Video Lesson](http://bit.ly/TK0NST): <http://bit.ly/TK0NST>

Create a Multimedia Canvas

- Edcanvas is a free web tool that allows teachers to create multimedia-rich lessons and share them with their students. These lessons may include YouTube videos, slides, files, text and images that you can download either from the web or from your computer. To start creating your lesson on Edcanvas, you will need to sign up for a free account. You can also use your Google account or Facebook account to sign in. Once logged in, click on "create a new canvas"; a short video will show you how to create your first canvas. With Edcanvas, you have the ability to arrange all lesson items in one board that is easily navigable and that students can access even on their iPads. [Click Here to Access Free Web Tool](http://bit.ly/TK0UOg): <http://bit.ly/TK0UOg>

Subject Text and Images to "Close Reading"

- America in Class (AIC) Lessons, from the National Humanities Center, are tailored to meet the Common Core State Standards. The lessons present challenging primary resources in a classroom-ready format, with background information and analytical strategies that enable teachers and students to subject texts and images to the close

reading called for in the standards. Each AIC lesson is built around a framing question, an essential understanding and a single primary resource or a small manageable set of resources. A background note illuminates and contextualizes the material, and another note offers teaching advice. Each lesson culminates with key passages and analytical questions through which teachers can lead students to the essential understanding, and each concludes with a follow-up assessment. AIC lessons are web based and optimized for mobile devices. [Click Here to Access Free Lessons](http://bit.ly/TK0YgW): <http://bit.ly/TK0YgW>

Piece Together the History of the Civil War

- In 2011, TeachingHistory.org released an interactive poster and companion website about the United States Civil War. The 24" x 36" poster, entitled "How Do You Piece Together the History of the Civil War?", features a collage of primary sources and related questions that get students thinking about how we know what we know about the past, especially in relation to our country's most devastating conflict, the Civil War. The question, "How can geography impact a battle?" accompanies a map of Gettysburg, while a slave receipt prompts students to think about the laws, economics and people involved in the institution of slavery. The interactive version of the poster allows students to zoom in on different parts of the poster and click through to find more information about those artifacts and their roles in the Civil War. As a bonus for teachers, the interactive poster includes links to teaching materials and websites related to the Civil War. Topics include children's voices during the Civil War, African American perspectives, women's roles, Civil War-era music and emancipation as well as military history and life on the battlefield.
- [Click Here to Access Free Interactive Civil War Poster](http://bit.ly/SQgPcv): <http://bit.ly/SQgPcv>
- Plus: In 2012, TeachingHistory.org released two more interactive posters. "Doing History is Like Solving a Mystery" is an interactive poster for elementary school students. The poster uses images with notes to guide students through the process of developing good research questions and recording their ideas. "History is an Argument About the Past" is an interactive poster for middle school and high school students. The poster walks students through identifying primary and secondary sources of information and then using that information to create an argument.
- [Click Here to Access Free Interactive Elementary Poster](http://bit.ly/TK17B4) : <http://bit.ly/TK17B4>
- [Click Here to Access Free Interactive Secondary Poster](http://bit.ly/TK19ci): <http://bit.ly/TK19ci>

On-the-Go Learning

Create Meaningful Learning Experiences with Mobile Devices

Mobile Learning Reflections is a free ebook intended for anyone interested in using mobile devices as instructional tools. The 80-page ebook is full of detailed examples of leveraging mobile devices to create meaningful learning experiences for students. You can read the ebook online or download a free copy for yourself from this Issuu website.

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Use Modern-Day Sleuthing Skills

- Murder at the Met: An American Art Mystery is a free web-based application that guides users of smartphones and tablets through the galleries of American paintings, sculpture and decorative arts at The Metropolitan Museum of Art to solve a murder mystery. The fictional plot transports players back to an evening gala in 1899 and revolves around the murder of beautiful Virginie Gautreau, who was immortalized by John Singer Sargent in the portrait Madame X, one of the museum's best-known paintings. Players use their mobile devices to travel through the galleries, where the art has come to life and everyone has secrets to share. By learning to look more closely at works of art—which serve as witnesses, weapons and possible crime scenes—players piece together meaningful clues. The goal of the game is to determine the who, where and how of the murder. Because the app provides three possible paths through the galleries, each having a different storyline and culprit, the game can be played repeatedly. Murder at the Met is the first mobile detective game created by the museum. A collaborative project that involved the museum's Departments of Education and Digital Media (content), Green Door Labs (gaming) and TourSphere LLC (development), the app can be found on the museum's website. [Click Here to Visit Website](http://bit.ly/TK1xr0): <http://bit.ly/TK1xr0>

Get Students Excited About Reading

- Tales2Go is an award-winning children's audiobook service that works like Pandora, giving educators and students instant and unlimited access to thousands of name-brand titles from leading publishers to play on desktops, laptops and Apple mobile devices—in the classroom and beyond. Use the audiobooks with individual students or in groups, in conjunction with printed text or for some fun listening. [Click Here to Start a Free 30-Day Trial](http://www.tales2go.com): www.tales2go.com

Upcoming Conferences/Events/Workshops

- **Common Core State Standards Leadership Team Network Regional Meetings 4-6 pm**
- **Technology in California Common Core Standards**

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11/8/12	Technology in CCSS		2/27/13	Technology in CCSS		1/28/13	Technology in CCSS	
5/16/13	Tech in CCSS Performance Tasks		5/29/13	Tech in CCSS Performance Tasks		3/25/13	Tech in CCSS Performance Tasks	

- **“New for 2012-2013” CTAP/TriCUE PD on Demand for schools and districts**
 - [Common Sense on E-rate and CIPA: Toolkit for School & District Administrators](#)
Description: E-rate is complicated. But complying with CIPA's educational requirements doesn't have to be. Common Sense Media created the CIPA Toolkit to help your district or school address the Internet safety, appropriate online behavior, and cyberbullying topics E-rate recipients need to teach to students. Use it to guide your efforts in the 2012-2013 school year. Join us for an interactive webinar with Education Program Manager, Merve Lapus of Common Sense Media
 - [Cybercitizenship: A School’s Guide to Setting the Foundation for Digital Citizenship](#)
Description: It’s important to “be prepared” & schools need to have the correct tools. When blazing a new trail in technology, one constant must remain; safety. This session will focus on different ways that digital citizenship can be integrated into lessons seamlessly. After this session, participants will have a simple toolkit to utilize in their districts.
 - [Apple TV in Education Workshop: \(Includes Apple TV\)](#)
Description: Whether it’s media streamed from the Internet or the use of applications

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on a computer or iPad, the power behind the leverage and flexibility is a must have for educators. With the wireless capabilities of the AppleTV it is perfect for the classroom, boardroom, and even the Cafeteria. Not only will participants see how to use this device for educating students, they will also learn how it can be used in various educational settings. With the a few simple steps the AppleTV can even be used as digital signage for your school. Imagine walking into a room and begin displaying content directly from your iPad instantly! NOTE: Equipment subject to change and may not be most current version if updated within 2 months of conference.

- **For all Ed Tech PD Contact Martin Cisneros for dates & costs or see full list at <http://tinyurl.com/mcoetech12-13>**

Educational Technology Conferences

- **[eLearning Strategies Symposium: http://elearns.org/](http://elearns.org/)**
 - Date: December 7-8, 2012
 - Costa Mesa, Ca
- **[Annual CUE: http://www.cue.org/annual](http://www.cue.org/annual)**
 - Date: March 14-16, 2013
 - Palm Springs Convention Center, Palm Springs , Ca
- **[LEAD 3.0: http://www.lead3.org](http://www.lead3.org)**
 - Date: April 11-13, 2013
 - Hyatt Regency Irvine, Irvine Ca
- **[ISTE 2013 Conference: http://www.isteconference.org/2013](http://www.isteconference.org/2013)**
 - Date: June 23-26, 2013
 - San Antonio Convention Center, San Antonio Tx