

Coordinator Brief To Curriculum Council

California Technology Assistance Project

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

- **California Educational Technology Task Force**
 - The Blueprint for Great Schools, a plan presented to State Superintendent Tom Torlakson by leaders from across California, provides vision and direction for our education system, including a focus on 21st Century learning, meeting the needs of the whole child, and rebuilding the ranks of California's teachers with resources and respect. Several recommendations within The Blueprint for Great Schools (PDF: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/eo/in/bp/documents/yr11bp0709.pdf>) prompted the Superintendent to initiate a process to update the educational technology strategic plan to reflect new trends and research.
 - The process includes the appointment of an Education Technology Task Force composed of educators familiar with technology use in California schools; a public website to gather opinions and views; a listening tour and public briefings by the Superintendent's top advisors; a review of the research and literature; and an extensive field review of draft documents. The final Education Technology Blueprint will be presented in early 2013.
 - California Department of Education, Education Technology Office Updates
 - EdTech Task Force: Information about the State Superintendent's Education Technology Task Force can be found at www.cde.ca.gov/eo/in/et/index.asp
 - Task force is soliciting feedback from school districts and the public at <http://commentedtech.myboe.org>
- **SBAC Technology Readiness Tool 2012 Summary:**
 - A summary of the California results for the Smarter Balanced Technology Readiness Tool's Spring 2012 data collection has been posted at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/sbac-itr-spr2012sum.asp>.
 - The IT Readiness Tool assesses each school's current capacity and compares them to the technology that is expected to be required for new SMARTER Balanced Assessment Consortium assessments. The tool collects information in four major areas or dimensions:
 - Devices (i.e. testing computers)
 - Device-to-tester Ratio
 - Network Infrastructure
 - Staff and Personnel Technology Readiness
 - The first data collection window (Spring 2012) was open from April 16, 2012 until June 30, 2012. The data collected in the window will be used as a baseline inventory to help the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium

determine the minimum system requirements for existing devices for using the Smarter Balanced system. The data are self-reported, unverified, and unaudited.

- In California, 4,377 schools (42%), (Monterey County 48%), representing 456 districts submitted complete TRT information. An additional 1,237 schools submitted partial information. The district submission status report (XLS) shows the school completion percentage for each district in California.
 - The following information summarizes some of the data elements collected by the TRT for California schools. The Devices File Import Layout and School Survey File Import Layout Web pages provide descriptions for each of the data elements collected by the TRT.
 - Also, you can view a letter that was sent to district superintendents and charter school administrators at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/sp/cl/trtltrsept2012.asp>.
- **K-12 Voucher Program (AKA Microsoft Settlement)**
 - Some questions are being asked about why many school districts and charter schools have very substantial unused funding from this program? Please ask technology contacts to check available funds at www.edtechk12vp.com
 - A list of products and services that qualify for the funds can be found at www.cde.ca.gov/ls/et/st/documents/etvfaq.doc The deadline to redeem vouchers is September 25, 2013
 - **E-Rate – Don't forget to sign up for the E-rate Workshops!**
 - There are substantial changes to the E-rate Discount Program! Whether you're a seasoned E-rate support person, or new to this program...sign up now for one of the face-to-face, video conferences, and/or web streaming (computer).
 - The CDE/K12HSN Fall E-rate training schedule for applicants and interested parties can register at: www.k12hsn.org/about/news/index.php/article/3134
 - If you are involved in E-rate at any level, please sign up for our E-rate e-mail updates and reminders at: www.cde.ca.gov/ls/et/ft/erateryrisserv.asp
 - E-rate and CTF Trainings: <http://www.k12hsn.org/programs/erate/trainings.php>
 - **Internet Essentials** - Internet Essentials helps more students and families get online.
 - While participating in Internet Essentials, customers receive:
 - **Fast home Internet for just \$9.95 a month + tax**
 - No price increases, no activation fees and no equipment rental fees
 - A computer available at initial enrollment for just \$149.99 + tax
 - Access to free Internet training - online, in print and in person
 - *Who is eligible for Internet Essentials?*
 - A household is eligible to participate in Internet Essentials if it meets all of the following criteria:

- Is located where Comcast offers Internet service
- Has at least one child receiving free school lunches through the National School Lunch Program
- Has not subscribed to Comcast Internet service within the last 90 days
- Does not have an overdue Comcast bill or unreturned equipment
- *What should I do if I work with students and families who might benefit from this program?*
 - Please visit www.internetessentialspartner.com and register to access program information, materials and updates on how you can help.

Grants, Competitions and Other “Winning” 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/)

Free and Inexpensive Resources

- Transition into a New Era of Teaching and Learning
 - **ASCD** recently introduced the new, free **EduCore** digital tool for educators implementing the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in both mathematics and literacy. The tool features a variety of formative assessment lessons and videos ready for classroom use, including more than 20 formative assessment mathematics lessons. Developed by the Shell Centre, these middle school and high school Classroom Challenges include problem-solving and content-development formative assessments on subjects such as solving linear equations in two variables and applying angle theorems. Useful plans, student materials, PowerPoint slides and other materials round out the many mathematics resources available. The EduCore tool’s three templates for argumentation, informational and narrative teaching support middle school and high school educators who are implementing the literacy standards in all disciplines. Created by the Literacy Design Collaborative, each template offers secondary teachers fill-in-the-blank “shells” built from the Common Core standards that allow

educators to insert the texts students must read, writing students must produce and content students must address. In addition, the EduCore tool empowers content-area teachers to create their own tasks for students that support engagement and growth within the CCSS. Related resources include videos that instruct educators on how to create their own templates and Microsoft Word templates teachers can use to develop their own modules. Through a simple registration process, educators can access additional EduCore features, such as the ability to save searches, organize tools and annotate resources. In the coming months, ASCD will provide additional mathematics formative assessment lessons and sample literacy modules to further enhance this free digital resource.

- Click Here to Access Free Digital Resource: <http://educore.ascd.org/>
- **Explore the Core with LearnZillion**
 - **LearnZillion** is a learning platform that combines video lessons, assessments and progress reporting. Each lesson highlights a Common Core standard, starting with mathematics and language arts, in grades 3–9. The free resources include lesson videos for teachers and students to view online and on mobile devices; lesson slides that teachers can download for projectors or interactive whiteboards; lesson commentary that provides insights for teachers about each lesson; and a teacher calendar to schedule lessons. Sign up online for a free account.
 - Click Here to Sign Up for Free Common Core Resources: <http://learnzillion.com/>

“Worth-the-Surf” Websites

- Join a Professional Learning Community with Webinars
 - Over the past year, **edWeb** has hosted more than 100 webinars on topics for professional development, including game-based learning, mobile learning, Common Core Standards, autism, technology, e-books, new teacher help, blended learning, and more. All edWeb webinars are archived in edWeb’s professional learning communities. Join a community, watch the webinar recordings, take the CE quiz, and you’ll receive a certificate for participation. As a member of an edWeb community, you’ll be invited to future, free webinars and will have the opportunity to connect with peers for a highly engaging and interactive webinar with edWeb’s expert presenters.
 - Click Here to Join edWeb Communities: <http://www.edweb.net/>

Upcoming Conferences/Events/Workshops

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

SALINAS AREA: @MCOE			PENINSULA AREA: @MPUSD IMC			SOUTH COUNTY AREA : @JACK FRANScioni SCHOOL		
Date	Subject	Topic	Date	Subject	Topic	Date	Subject	Topic
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 Lopus 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 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

- **Fall CUE:** <http://www.cue.org/fall>
 - Date: October 26-27, 2012
 - American Canyon High School, Napa Valley Ca
- **CETPA:** <http://cetpa.net/pub/htdocs/2012-conference.html>
 - Date: October 16-19, 2012
 - Monterey Conference Center: One Portola Plaza, Monterey Ca
- **eLearning Strategies Symposium:** <http://elearns.org/>
 - Date: December 7-8, 2012
 - Costa Mesa, Ca
- **Annual CUE:** <http://www.cue.org/annual>
 - Date: March 14-16, 2013
 - Palm Springs Convention Center, Palm Springs , Ca
- **LEAD 3.0:** <http://www.lead3.org>
 - Date: April 11-13, 2013
 - Hyatt Regency Irvine, Irvine Ca
- **ISTE 2013 Conference:** <http://www.isteconference.org/2013>
 - Date: June 23-26, 2013
 - San Antonio Convention Center, San Antonio Tx