Instructional Technology
Initiative Task Force

Reimagining Digital Learning

Background

- Was originally focused on 101 Board-approved 1:1 schools

- Became a district-wide resource in July 2015

- District-wide digital learning efforts are primarily supported by the Instructional Technology Initiative (ITI)
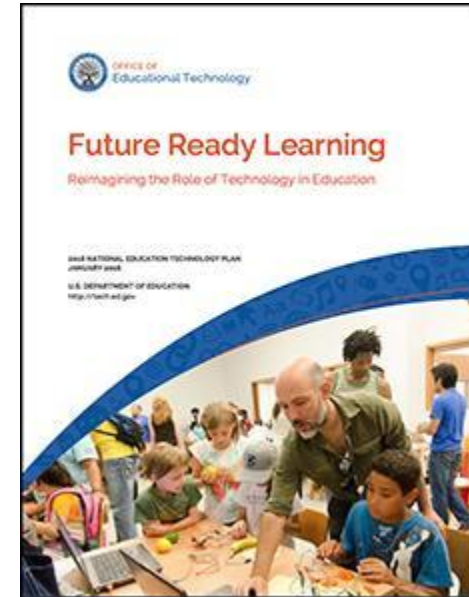
ITI Task Force

- Convened in April 2015 by former Superintendent Cortines to provide informed instructional technology recommendations

- Comprised of students, parents, teachers, principals, District personnel, and community members for a total of 50 task force members

- Met every Thursday for group meetings

- Chaired by Dr. Frances Gipson, Chief Academic Officer

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Shifting Paradigms & Setting the Vision

- Recommendations are founded on the premise that effective instruction requires technology
- Aligned with the:
  - 2015 U.S. DOE National Education Technology Plan
  - 2016 International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Standards for Students
- Recommendations were informed by research, speaking with neighboring districts, guest experts, and collaborative discussions

Instructional Recommendations

- Developed around three core principles:

Learner Agency

- Learners are self-directed, engaging as both consumers and producers of knowledge

Academic Rigor

- Learners engage in instructional experiences requiring computational thinking, struggling through and organizing abstract information, which provide real world, authentic connections beyond the classroom

Learner-Centered Learning Environment

- Educators provide personalized learning opportunities facilitated by a learning management system (LMS), where educators design lessons that are collaborative and personalized to meet students' needs

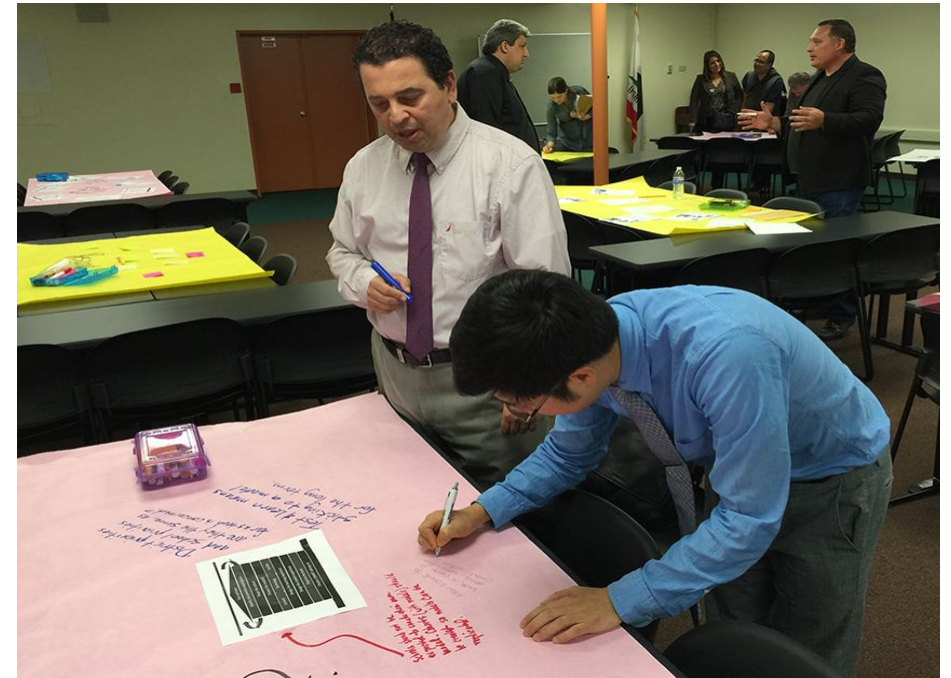Instructional Technology Initiative Task Force

Infrastructure Support Needed

- Implementation of recommendations requires:

  - Leadership support at all levels
  - Change management processes and procedures
  - Resource and personnel support
  - Parent engagement

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Funding Considerations

- Education Technology Bond with matching contributions from schools

- General fund cost-saving strategies

- External partnerships

- Leasing digital learning devices

- Bring-Your-Own-Device (BYOD)

Division of Instruction: Learning Invitations

1. Designing Instruction
2. Early Literacy to Disciplinary Literacy
3. Access and Acceleration for Learners
4. Assessment in a Learning Culture
5. Optimizing Choice Pathways

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Current Efforts

- Supporting Education Technology Grant recipients
- Piloting a learning management system to inform digital learning practices
- Professional learning opportunities designed by ITI staff

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ITI Models of Support

Online Gradebook Pilot/LMS Implementation

- For the second and third phase of the OGP/LMS Implementation, the Instructional Technology Initiative (ITI) will be instituting an application process to determine participating schools.
- Schools who are selected to participate based on their commitment to leveraging digital learning will be designated a "Practitioner School" and will be provided with support from an Instructional Technology Facilitator (ITF) with the ultimate goal of developing a model that builds digital learning capacity district-wide.

  Interested schools are encouraged to visit: bit.ly/practitioneroverview

Team Professional Development Opportunities

- ITI Summer Instructional Technology Cohort:
  - The ITI Cohort is a professional learning opportunity (ITL), which provides school instructional leadership teams guidance in developing an informed, effective plan for digital learning tailored to each school's needs.
  - Sessions address the following topics: school vision development; personalized learning; digital citizenship; parents, community and culture; and learning management system.
  - Cohorts will meet on the following dates:
    - June 14, 15 & 20 Secondary Schools
    - June 16, 17 & 20 Elementary Schools
    - June 21, 22, 23: Secondary & Elementary Schools
    - August 1, 2 & 3 Secondary & Elementary Schools

  Please contact Julia Charles at julia.charles@lausd.net for more information.

Indivdual Professional Learning Opportunities

A selection of topics around leveraging digital resources and personalized learning will be offered during the dates of June 21-23rd.

  Please visit MyPLN in the near future to register.

ITF schedules for remainder of the year

All ITF's have been reorganized in order to form two teams:

- A Professional Development team
- A Summer Collection team

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Thank you

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