



CTAP 11 Technology Funding Alert!

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From the Director . . .

Keeping momentum and building enthusiasm may seem tough in these times of state budget uncertainty and slow economic recovery. That's why it is imperative that we not lose sight of the accomplishments we have made in education technology in a relatively short time – from hardware acquisition and initial training to adopting new technologies and designing effective curriculum integration. I'd like to review some of the current programs in CTAP Region 11.

Enhancing Education Through Technology: Formula funding will be granted to qualified school districts whose technology use plans are approved by the state. For information, please refer to <<http://www.cde.ca.gov/edtech/eett/>>. **Applications for competitive funding are due on January 14, 2004.** Qualified districts/consortia are reminded that points are granted to applicants who form agreements with external partners to deliver professional development.

AB 75: CTAP 11 is currently working with California School Leadership Academy to deliver professional development to Los Angeles County principals. Administrators learn how technology is used to access and communicate data that informs decision making as schools work towards improved student achievement. Administrators use CTAP Online, handheld devices, and data collection tools.

CTAP Online: CTAP Online is currently being used by districts across the county to offer proficiency training and other skills development for educators at various levels of technology mastery.

As part of the Instructional Technology Outreach division of Technology Services, CTAP 11 works closely with other units in its group. In the spring, we worked closely with Multimedia Services to deliver digital imaging workshops.

Library Services will offer a workshop, "Collection Development and Marketing Your Library," on Monday, February 2. We know that many of you have experienced drastic staff reductions in your libraries – we hope that this session will help the novice and give experienced library staff some new insights.

We'd like to remind you to save the date of Thursday, April 29, 2004 for the EETT Symposium in Pasadena.

We wish you a joyous holiday season.

Ray Chavez

education, physical science applications (applied physics, chemistry, and technology), or science and literacy. Projects should involve hands-on activities, have an interdisciplinary approach and relate science to students' lives. Before applying, be sure to review "Tips on Submitting a Winning Proposal" found at: <<http://www.nsta.org/programs/tapestry/tipsheet.htm>>.

Contact—Questions may be directed online by clicking on "Ask the Expert."

Web Site—www.nsta.org/programs/tapestry/index.htm

Deadline—January 16, 2004

Eligibility—K-12 teachers of science. All middle and high school science teachers and elementary teachers who teach some science in the classroom are also eligible.

Awards—50 grants of up to \$10,000 each and a minimum of 20 "mini-grants" of \$2,500 each

California Mathematics and Science Partnership Grant Program (CaMSP)

The CaMSP grant program seeks to establish partnerships to improve the academic achievement of students in mathematics and science. The focus is to create opportunities for enhanced and ongoing professional development for mathematics teachers in grades five through algebra and science teachers in grades four through eight.

Microsoft-California Class Action Settlement

A Microsoft Class Action Settlement will provide up to \$1.1 billion worth of vouchers that California consumers and businesses can redeem toward purchase of computer equipment. **Claim forms are due by March 15, 2004** and are available at the Web site listed below or by calling 1-800-203-9995. Two-thirds of unclaimed vouchers will be distributed to California public schools with 40% of their students from low-income households. If your school district does not fall into that category, there is another way to benefit: Consumers are free to donate their settlement vouchers to others. Up to \$650 worth of vouchers that a class member receives can be transferred to others, but vouchers can be transferred only once. A person, business or charity may not redeem more than \$10,000 in transferred vouchers. For more details, claim forms and the settlement agreement, see <<http://www.microsoftcalsettlement.com/>>.

GRANTS

Best Buy te@ch Program

The Best Buy's Children's Foundation supports schools and educators using technology to make learning fun. The te@ch program awards \$2500 grants to schools in recognition of programs or projects that creatively integrate interactive technology into the curriculum. Schools don't need to have used the most current technology. The te@ch program is interested in how schools are creatively using what they have to make learning fun for students.

Contact—

CommunityRelations@BestBuy.com

Web Site—www.bestbuy.com (Click on "Community Relations" at the bottom of the page.)

Deadline—December 31, 2003 (Applica-

tions will be reviewed and selections made on a rolling basis. The earlier your application is received, the better your chances of receiving a te@ch grant.)

Eligibility—K-12 public, private or parochial schools must be within 25 miles of a Best Buy store. There are 85 stores in California. (To find this information, use the store locator link located on the K-12 Eligibility Section of the grant program information page at the web site.)

Awards—1,200 \$2,500 grants will be awarded nationwide

Toyota TAPESTRY Grant Program

Toyota TAPESTRY projects demonstrate creativity, involve risk-taking, possess a visionary quality, and model a novel way of presenting science. Applicants are required to design and plan a one-year long project that centers on environmental science



Contact—Yvonne Evans, 916-323-5252, yevans@cde.ca.gov or

Web Site—www.cde.ca.gov/funding/profile.asp?id=342

Deadline—January 16, 2004

Eligibility—Partnerships between an eligible local educational agency (LEA) and eligible departments of an institution of higher education (IHE). County offices of education, individual schools, additional LEAs, IHEs, or other organizations concerned about mathematics and science education may also participate in the partnership. The lead partner must be a high-need LEA (one that serves a student population where at least 40% of students qualify for the National School Lunch Program).

Awards—\$13M available

2004 EDS Technology Grant

The EDS Technology Grant program challenges teachers to explore technology-related products and services and creatively apply these tools and resources in the classroom to enrich student learning.

Contact—Celeste Malott, EDS Washington Mutual Account, 9301 Corbin Ave., MS N030307, Northridge, CA 91324, 818-775-6358, celeste.malott@eds.com

Web Site—www.eds.com/community_affairs/com_tech_grants.shtml

Deadline—January 23, 2004

Eligibility—K-12 public, private or charter school teachers who teach at a school in Los Angeles County may apply individually or in teams of two.

HP Technology for Teaching Grant Initiative

(http://grants.hp.com/us/programs/tech_teaching/index.html)

This grant initiative is designed to support the innovative use of technology in K-16 education, and to help identify K-12 schools and higher education institutions that HP might support with future grants. Based on the outcomes of the projects funded through this initiative in 2004, HP will offer grant recipients the opportunity to apply for additional, higher-value grants in 2005.

The HP Technology for Teaching Grant initiative will provide hardware, professional development, support and small stipends to approximately 150 teacher teams. Each successful team of 5 teachers will receive the following for each team member: HP Tablet PC, HP Multimedia projector, HP Help Desk Technical Support for 1 year, \$500 stipend, customized professional development.

The website (www.hp.com/go/hpteach) opens for grant proposal submissions on January 15, 2004. Registration of your intent to apply is encouraged, but not necessary to apply for the grant. **Applications are due March 1, 2004.**

Acer America's "Wi-Fi 101" A Wireless Initiative for K-12 Schools

Acer America Corporation recently launched "Wi-Fi 101," an innovative program that will provide **free wireless access points and installation** to select K-12 schools nationwide. With the support of Intel Corporation, Acer America will canvas and select one school in each qualified school district for "Wi-Fi 101," with up to 120 schools participating nationwide for the program. A simple site inspection will determine if a candidate school has an appropriate network infrastructure in place to support the wireless environment. The installation of the wireless access points requires no funding or manpower contribution on the part of schools or district personnel. Interested schools are invited to fill out a form at the company's web site. For additional information, visit their website at <http://www.acer.com/wifi101>.

Hurry! Register online, by email or fax—available spots are becoming limited.

Awards—Grants up to \$1,500 must be used to pay for technology products, training and services not provided to the teacher by the school or the school district. Examples include, but are not limited to, computer software and hardware, digital cameras, PC Cams, CD-ROM libraries, scanners and video boards; modems, Internet access, wiring and online time to networks and databases.

NEA Foundation for the Improvement of Education (NFIE) Grant Programs Innovation Grants:

Innovation Grants fund break-the-mold innovations that significantly improve achievement for underserved learners. These grants are available for all subjects, including the arts, literacy, science, and technology.

Learning & Leadership Grants:

Learning & Leadership Grants provide opportunities to engage in high-quality professional development and lead colleagues in professional growth. These grants are available for all subjects, including the arts, literacy, science, and technology.

Fine Arts Grants:

Fine Arts Grants are awarded to National Education Association (NEA) members through NEA local affiliates, to enable fine arts teachers to create and implement fine arts programs that promote learning among students at risk of school failure.

Contact—Please direct questions to 202-822-7840 or info@nfie.org.

Web Site—www.nfie.org

Deadline—February 1, 2004 (Innovation and Learning & Leadership Grant Pro-

grams) February 2, 2004 (Fine Arts Grant Program)

Eligibility—K-12 public school teachers, education support professionals, higher education faculty and staff at public colleges and universities

Awards—Varies by program. Visit the Web Site for complete program details, guidelines, examples of funded projects, and an application.

PRODUCT DONATIONS

2nd Annual Math911 Grant Program

This grant provides a free, 24 multi-user license of Professor Weissman's Math911 algebra software. Applicants must download and try out one copy of the software, then write a brief explanation of how and why this software will be integrated into the curriculum.

Contact—Professor Martin Weissman, 347-528-7837, mathprof@hotmail.com

Web Site—www.math911.com/grant.htm

Deadline—December 31, 2003

Eligibility—Middle and secondary schools, colleges and universities, other nonprofit agencies

Awards—24-multi-user algebra software, valued at \$2400

AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS

ExploraVision Awards

Sponsored by Toshiba and National Science Teachers Association, the purpose of the competition is to encourage students to combine their imaginations with the tools of science to create and explore a vision of a future technology.

Contact—Questions may be directed to 1-800-EXPLOR9; e-mail:

exploravision@nsta.org

Web Site—www.exploravision.org

Deadline—February 3, 2004

Eligibility—Students in grades K-12 in public, private or home schools work in groups of two, three or four simulating research and development teams, along with a team coach and an optional mentor

Awards—24 regional winning teams will receive U.S. Savings Bonds, ranging from \$5,000-\$10,000. Each student on the 24 regional winning teams will receive a Toshiba digital camera. National finalist team members and their parents/guardians will travel to Washington, D.C. in June for ExploraVision Awards Weekend where they will be recognized for their outstanding achievement. Schools of the 24 regional winning teams will each receive a Toshiba laptop computer, which will be used by the regional winning teams to create their Web sites. Every student team member and coach/mentor who enters the competition with a complete entry will receive a certificate of participation and a small gift.