

District E Technology News

January 2004 Edition

Hello Technology Leaders and Happy New Year!

This is the sixth e-mail update of the 2003-2004 school year. Feel free to forward this to others. If you know of others who may be interested in being included in the District E Technology News e-mail list, please have them contact the Local District E Instructional Technology Applications Facilitator, John Rivera at john.rivera@lausd.net.

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1. Technology Consortium Meeting Preview, 1:30-3:30pm, January 26, 2004

Here is the tentative agenda for the January 26, 2004 meeting at the Technology Literacy Challenge Grant Lab, 2151 North Soto Street, Los Angeles, CA 90032 (**scheduling conflicts have eliminated the use of the locations mentioned previously in other correspondence**). As always, attendance is voluntary but does provide an occasion when technology leaders can share ideas as well as learn.

- 1:30 Latest Technology Updates (re: topics covered or not yet covered by this e-mail)
 - 2:00 Digital Library Resources For Research Projects: How to Use The Resources Provided/Funded By LAUSD Library & Information Services With Students
 - 3:00 A Review/Overview of CTAP Online and Other Web Resources
 - 3:25 Open Questions Forum/Networking With Other Technology Leaders
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2. 2004 California School Technology Survey

Information for the 2004 California School Technology Survey is below. This survey will be available starting January 7, 2004 and, to quote Joe Oliver (administrator overseeing all district ITAFs), "... WILL POSITIVELY END ON MARCH 19! Now, the reason for the all caps and such: Schools not making the obligation will put the district and the

school in jeopardy for Enhancing Education Through Technology Formula and Competitive Grants Funds as well as their school's share of Microsoft Settlement funds. The CDE is not playing not playing around folks. This survey should be completed by one person at each site (usually a tech coordinator)."

District PIN (number): 741918 (New PIN is e76667 - please see addendum below)

School Survey System Password: network

School Technology Survey Web Address: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/edtechsurvey/>

3. Microsoft Settlement

This information was covered at the last technology consortium meeting but is included here to emphasize the process for schools receiving settlement funds. Funds in the form of vouchers are available to eligible K-12 California schools through a settlement of claims against Microsoft. Vouchers will be distributed as 2 types evenly divided in monetary value: a GENERAL PURPOSE voucher to be used for hardware, IT support, professional development, and software; and SOFTWARE vouchers to be used for non-custom software titles and software bundled with a computer purchased with the general purpose vouchers. These vouchers are to be used to assist districts with implementing and supporting education technology that promotes effective teaching and promotes student achievement. The amount of money per student is not yet disclosed and will be taken from what is not claimed from the funds being used to pay for consumer settlement claims. Eligibility includes all of the following:

- 1) Eligible school serving in any grades K-12
- 2) A district minimum of 40% Free or Reduced Price Lunch based on 2002 CBEDS
- 3) Completion of the 2004 California School Technology Survey
- 4) Completion of a district technology plan approved by California for EETT criteria

LAUSD will be applying for this settlement on behalf of all LAUSD schools (in order to make all LAUSD schools eligible for this settlement). The due date for the RFA (request for application) submitted to the state is in February, and therefore schools are strongly encouraged to complete their 2004 California School Technology Survey before the beginning of the month. Any school not completing the 2004 California School Technology Survey will not only disqualify their own school from receiving the settlement vouchers but also disqualify every school in LAUSD.

For further information, please contact the CTAP Region 11 contact administering the Microsoft Settlement: Dennis Large, large_dennis@lacoed.edu, (562) 922-6582.

4. Accessing Online Progress Reports and SOAR From Home

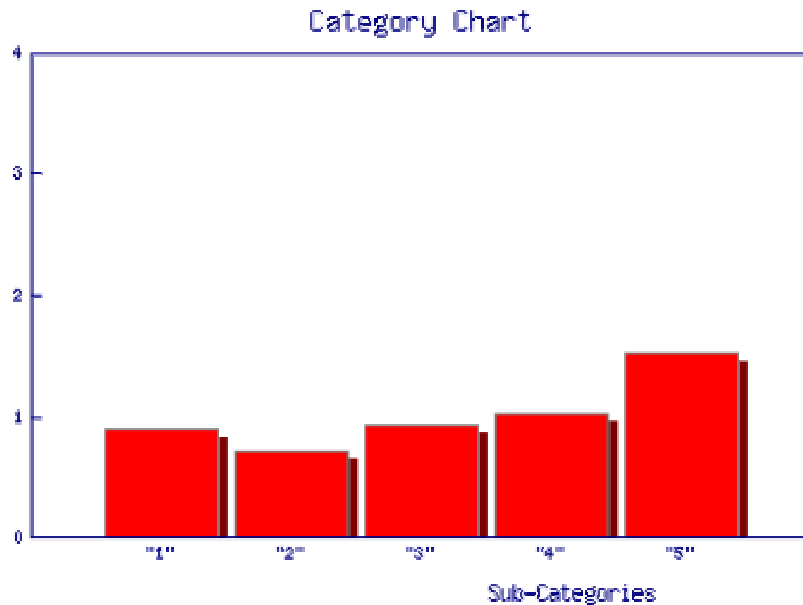
LAUSD Planning, Assessment and Research Division is finalizing security plans to allow

access to Online Progress Reports and SOAR from home using any Internet Service Provider (ISP), including cable or DSL access in addition to the currently available access. Every effort is being made to allow this additional access beginning mid-January 2004. However, due to the sensitive nature of the information being handled, outside access will not be provided until LAUSD can assure that the system meets confidentiality requirements. Only employees who have signed the District's Acceptable Use Policy and have an LAUSDnet e-mail address will be given permission to use this method of OPR and SOAR data entry. Users must change their access passwords every 180 days; directions can be found on the ESIS website. Passwords must have a minimum of 8 characters and contain at least one number. If a user has made five failed attempts to log-on, access will be blocked to that user for 6 hours unless the user calls ESIS to re-establish access. This information is covered in Bulletin 709 which can be downloaded from the Inside LAUSD website. For further information, please contact the following:

Elementary SIS: (213) 241-8498, <http://esis.lausd.k12.ca.us>
SOAR, School Information Branch, (213) 241-2450

5. CTAP2 iAssessment Results

CTAP2 Surveys for certificated teachers at Local District E schools were supposed to be completed by December 31, 2003. Of course, not all teachers did fill out the required survey. A total of 2157 of the 3375 credentialed teachers or 64% have completed the proficiency assessment. Below is the chart for proficiency in instructional technology. Those bars below a "1" (sub-categories 1-4) indicate that teachers are generally at an introductory level in the representative sub-categories. Apparently, Local District E teachers do have intermediate knowledge of privacy, security, and safety issues regarding the use of technology in the classroom. (as observed in the bar graph below). These and the results found in other LAUSD local districts seem to be the norm. To see your school's own results, you must have an administration account. If you do not have an administration account, please ask your principal who at your school does. If your administrator does not know, please contact the LDE instructional technology applications facilitator. More statistical information will come in future correspondence.



1. Analyzes Best Practices
2. Selection of Appropriate Technology Resources
3. Matching Student Learning Styles to Appropriate Resources
4. Effective Learning Environments Using Computer-Based Technology
5. Privacy, Security, and Safety Issues

6. More Salary Point Classes Available

Many curricular courses can be taken for salary point credit. Here is a listing of classes that are open for enrollment. Please keep in mind that more opportunities will continue to spring up as the information becomes available. To enroll in any of these courses, please refer to the included contact information. For an updated list (current as of this week but updated weekly), please visit the District E Website: <http://district-e.lausd.net> and click on Professional Development. Then click on Salary Point Classes.

Course Title	Salary Point Amount	Grade Level	Flyer	Times & Dates	Location	Instructor(s), Enrollment, & Fee
Introduction To Spreadsheets	0.34	K-12	n/a	4pm-6pm Thursday & Wednesday: 01-08-04 & 02-25-04	Webster Middle School	Ira Ehrlich Enrollment: (213) 229-4836 http://pddss.lausd.net Fee: None

Eek! There's a Mouse in my Classroom and It's Attached to a Computer	1	K-12	n/a	8am-12pm Saturdays: 01-10-04 & 01-31-04	TLCG Training Lab, Local District F	Kristine Hamilton Enrollment: (213) 229-4836 http://pddss.lausd.net Fee: None
The Reading-Writing Connection: Internet Publishing Made Simple With Weblogs	1	K-12	n/a	8am-4pm Saturdays: 01-10-04 & 01-24-04	TLCG Training Lab, Local District F	Nancy Peralta Enrollment: (213) 229-4836 http://pddss.lausd.net Fee: \$21 for 1-yr Tabulas blogging subscription
Introduction To Presentations	0.34	K-12	n/a	4pm-6pm Mondays: 01- 12-04 & 02- 23-04	Webster Middle School	Ira Ehrlich Enrollment: (213) 229-4836 http://pddss.lausd.net Fee: None
Creating Language Arts Curriculum Using Microsoft Office	1	K-12	n/a	4pm-8pm Wednesdays: 01-14-04, 01- 21-04, 01-28- 04, & 02-04- 04	North Hollywood High School	Mark Dohn Enrollment: (213) 229-4836 http://pddss.lausd.net Fee: None
Introduction to Word Processing	0.34	K-12	n/a	4pm-6pm Wednesday & Thursday: 01- 14-04 & 02- 05-04	Fulton Middle School	Susan Kosseff Brown Enrollment: (213) 229-4836 http://pddss.lausd.net Fee: None
Exploration of Symbolism in Arts and Writing	1	n/a	n/a	8:30am-5pm Saturdays: 01-24-04 & 02-07-04	Marshall High School	Shelley Heffler Enrollment: she91602@hotmail.com Fee: \$10
Creating Language Arts Curriculum Using Microsoft Office	1	K-12	n/a	8am-5pm Saturdays: 01-31-04 & 02-14-04	North Valley Occupational Center	Keith Jaeger Enrollment: (213) 229-4836 http://pddss.lausd.net Fee: None

Powerful Projects: Interactive Student Literacy, Research, and Organization	1	3-12	n/a	8am-5pm Saturdays: 02-21-04 & 03-06-04	Zelzah ITD Training Center	David Boin Enrollment: (213) 229-4836 http://pddss.lausd.net Fee: None
Building An Electronic Portfolio With Macromedia's Dreamweaver MX	1	K-12	n/a	8am-5pm Saturdays: 02-28-04 & 03-13-04	TLCG Training Lab, Local District E	Ira Ehrlich Enrollment: (213) 229-4836 http://pddss.lausd.net Fee: None
Scaffolding Higher-Order Thinking With WebQuests	1	4-12	n/a	8am-4pm Saturdays: 02-28-04 & 03-06-04	TLCG Training Lab, Local District E	Carolyn Burleson Enrollment: (213) 229-4836 http://pddss.lausd.net Fee: None
Click! Using Digital Photography To Enhance Instruction	1	K-12	n/a	4pm-8pm Wednesdays: 03-03-04, 03-10-04, 03-17-04, & 03-24-04	North Hollywood High School	Mark Dohn Enrollment: (213) 229-4836 http://pddss.lausd.net Fee: Possible book purchase
Science: Their Favorite Subject	1	n/a	n/a	8am-5pm Saturdays: 03-06-04 & 03-20-04	Los Angeles High School	Bruce Petersen Enrollment: (714) 389-1181 Fee: None

7. Decision Support System – Helpful Updates And Training Dates

The Decision Support System (DSS) is a secure, web-based system that provides accountability reports of student outcomes and achievement. The District implemented DSS to support its primary mission of increasing student achievement by providing data to those being held accountable for results. School principals and assistant principals of K-12 schools can create their own accounts by completing the self-registration form within the DSS Portal: <http://dss.lausd.k12.ca.us>. All other eligible LAUSD employees interested in obtaining a DSS account need to fill out a Request for DSS UserID Authorization form. This form can be downloaded from the DSS Portal in the "Getting Started" tab. If you are not sure whether you are eligible to use the DSS at this time, please contact your supervisor.

More DSS 101 training is scheduled for the following dates and times:

- Thursday, January 29, 2004, 8:00am-12 noon
- Thursday, February 12, 2004, 8:00am-12 noon
- Thursday, February 26, 2004, 8:00am-12 noon
- Wednesday, March 10, 2004, 8:00am-12 noon
- Tuesday, March 23, 2004, 8:00am-12 noon

Training for these dates will be held at the San Julian Training Site, 1315 S. San Julian St., Los Angeles 90015. To sign up for training, send an email with your name, title, school or office, local district, phone number and email address to the DSS Training Administrator at dsstrain@lausd.k12.ca.us

Recent Update: Now users can download a printable table for the data needed on Section 3 Part A and B of the Single Plan. Please contact the DSS Training Administrator for more information.

8. A Sneak Peak At The Upcoming February Technology Consortium Meeting

As mentioned in the December Technology News, a date for a February meeting has been added. The following is a preview of the February meeting.

Date/Time: Monday, February 23, 2003, 1:30-3:30pm

Location: Delevan Drive Elementary School, 4168 W. Avenue 42, L.A. 90065

Tentative Agenda:

- 1:30 Latest Technology Updates (re: topics covered or not yet covered by this e-mail)
- 2:00 Video Editing Projects For Your Students: Solutions For Windows Users
- 3:00 A Look At ULead's Photo Editing and DVD-Creation Software
- 3:25 Open Questions Forum/Networking With Other Technology Leaders

As always, I hope this has been helpful and informative. If you have any questions, please contact me:

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Addendum to January 2004 Edition

Hello Again Technology Leaders!

I send this addendum out because of information just received that you should be informed about before next month's e-mail update. Please be aware of the importance of this information (if it wasn't important, I wouldn't have sent this addendum out).

9. Working Password for 2004 California School Technology Survey

10. New LAUSD E-Mail System Beginning January 30, 2004

1 Working Password for 2004 California School Technology Survey

In the previous e-mail, I sent information for the 2004 California School Technology Survey. This survey has been available since January 7, 2004 and must be completed by March 19, 2004. Schools not making the obligation will put the district and the school in jeopardy for Enhancing Education Through Technology Formula and Competitive Grants Funds as well as their school's share of Microsoft Settlement funds. The original District PIN (number) I sent out is apparently not giving you access to the survey. I tested last year's PIN, which does work. Thus, please use the following updated information below for access. I have also included the PIN originally given to me just in case the state does change it to that number. Please contact me if further clarification is needed.

District PIN (number): e76667

School Survey System Password: network

School Technology Survey Web Address: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/edtechsurvey/>

District PIN (number) Originally Given: 741918

2. New LAUSD E-Mail System Beginning January 30, 2004

LAUSD WebMail will be changing for K-12 teachers on January 30, 2004. The District will switch over to ePALS SchoolMail™ to provide e-mail service. ePALS SchoolMail™ is a total email and online collaborative tool system, designed to help protect security and privacy. LAUSD is migrating to this system to offer safe email accounts to K-12 teachers and students. This is a system that requires no equipment other than access to the Internet (a Web-based application). ePALS SchoolMail™'s filtering and monitoring system will enable teachers to know what their students are talking about, know what students are sending and receiving, and get students in touch with the information and people that teachers want them to be in touch with as part of their curriculum.

Please prepare for this switchover by deleting or storing all messages currently in the old LAUSDnet WebMail system before the first date of implementation. Current LAUSD usernames and passwords will not be changed, allowing users to continue accessing WebMail without having to learn a new password. The link to this will be available on the LAUSDnet website on January 30, 2004. Users will then have an e-mail address that looks like the following: userlogin@lausd.k12.ca.us

Orientation sessions for this system have been scheduled for school technology coordinators or District staff that will support and manage the K-12 e-mail at their site. **Please call (213) 241-1070 to request a reservation.** Three sessions each day at the different locations are scheduled as follows:

Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2004

Times Offered: 8:30am-10:30am, 11:00am-1:00pm, 2:00pm-4:00pm

Location: East L.A. Training Room, 2151 N. Soto Street, L.A., 90032

Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2004

Times Offered: 8:30am-10:30am, 11:00am-1:00pm, 2:00pm-4:00pm

Location: West L.A. Training Room (Webster MS) – Room 144, 11330 W. Graham Place, L.A., 90064

Date: Thursday, January 22, 2004

Times Offered: 8:30am-10:30am, 11:00am-1:00pm, 2:00pm-4:00pm

Location: North Valley Occupational Center – Room 15, 11450 Sharp Avenue, Mission Hills, CA 91345.

Date: Friday, January 23, 2004

Times Offered: 8:30am-10:30am, 11:00am-1:00pm, 2:00pm-4:00pm

Location: Fort MacArthur, Bldg #945, 920 W. 36th Street, San Pedro, CA 90732

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