

Instructional Services Report to Superintendents – January 6, 2010

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Newell – Fonda Institute

Those of you who attended our last Technology Leaders session got a chance to hear Jeff Dicks, superintendent at Newell-Fonda, share their experiences with becoming a 1 Student to 1 Computer (One 2 One) school. Some of you may be interested in attending their Institute on Wednesday, January 13. The invitation details are below:

What: 21st Century Learning Leadership Institute

The Institute is your opportunity to visit a high school with a laptop learning initiative in action and interact with students, teachers, and administrators. Newell-Fonda High School has had their program in place for 1.5 years.

Includes:

- discussion on how technology changes learning
- the impact of professional development
- key success factors
- funding, and the digital tools today's students use to create knowledge
- using technology in innovative ways to make a difference
- short Apple presentation at the beginning and end of this event
- school lunch will be provided in accordance with state law, valued at under \$3.00.

When: Wednesday, January 13, 2010

8:30 a.m. - Registration

9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. – Program

Where: Newell- Fonda Schools

Newell-Fonda High School
205 South Clark Street
Newell, IA 50568
(712) 272-3324

Cost: There is no cost to attend. School lunch will be provided in accordance with state law, valued at under \$3.00.

Those that will be attending need to register. This event has a maximum capacity. Register online at <http://edseminars.apple.com/newell>

Who Should Attend: Superintendents*, Principals, Teachers, Curriculum/Technology Directors, Board Members and other school leaders. You are encouraged to send a collaborative team of 3 to 5 people.

If you have questions, please contact Julie Francis at (312) 902-7335

Technology Preview Day
Emphasis: Microsoft Settlement Eligible Products
Wednesday, February 17, 2010
Keystone AEA Conference Center
9 AM to 3 PM

Plan to attend this jam-packed technology preview day to compare hardware and software products that are included in the eligible items list for the Microsoft Settlement. This is a great opportunity to send decision-making teams to have a close look at those educational technologies that could be part of the building applications for Microsoft vouchers.

We have invited both vendors and practitioners to do overviews and highlights of their respective technologies.

Note: Many of these sessions will be of interest to buildings/districts preparing to make decisions about possible 1-to-1 projects.

Who should attend: Technology and Curriculum Decision Makers

Including superintendents, principals, technology coordinators, curriculum directors, teachers, board members, technology committee members and building leadership team members.

Format: 55-minute concurrent sessions throughout the day.

Presenters will be vendors and/or practitioners.

Registration required: Workshop #90221

To register electronically, you need your teacher number and the workshop number and go to <http://hp3000.aea1.k12.ia.us/HTML/PSCREENW>

Registration deadline is February 10, 2010.

Current list of presenters / technologies represented:

(Comprehensive list of sessions with descriptions to follow in late January.)

Apple – Microsoft eligible products with emphasis on laptops

Microsoft – Microsoft eligible products / software

Netbooks from various vendors for comparison purposes

Whiteboards (Interwrite, SMART, Promethian, Mimeo for comparison)

Kurzweil software for assistive adaptive

Inspire data software

Inspiration software

Waterford Learning (Reading and Math software) by Pearson

Successmaker Software

Read 180 software Scholastic

Carnegie Learning software/Cognitive Tutor

If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda Sheeley at 800.632.5918 or 563.245.1480

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Request early for summer Professional Development in the areas of curriculum and technology!

If you are planning for a 1-to-1 initiative for the 2010-11 school year please contact Rhonda Sheeley (563) 245-1480 or rsheeley@aea1.k12.ia.us to request PD days so that we can have staff available to meet your needs. Consultants in the curricular and technology areas will plan to adjust their contracts to cover June requests. Due to budget and contract constraints Keystone AEA needs to have them allocate days within their existing contract length to provide these services throughout the summer.

In order to have a 1 – to – 1 initiative get off to a good start there needs to be both technical and curricular training delivered to teachers. This professional development would need to focus on integrating the use of the student laptops with the state initiatives with which a building is involved. Keystone's consultants will provide the link to the Iowa Core Curriculum that your teachers will need.

Please include Keystone in your planning for this curriculum/technology PD. We can tailor these sessions to meet your specific building goals and curricular needs. We are recommending that any summer experiences for teachers be followed by additional PD support throughout the year.