



Synergies

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partnerships
for our
schools*

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Welcome to *Synergies*, a periodic newsletter of the Classroom of the Future Foundation. *Synergies* provides an overview and update of the projects and initiatives of the Foundation and profile significant partners and supporters.

If you have any particular story ideas, we certainly welcome them. Or, if you would prefer not to receive this newsletter, we will remove your name from our distribution list. Please contact Bruce Braciszewski at (858) 292-3685 or email cffstaff@sdcoe.net ❖

LemonLINK Pilot Project Nears Launch

The academic horizons of students in two sixth-grade classes in Lemon Grove soon will expand significantly through the One-to-One @ School and Home project.



In September each student will receive a wireless Web tablet that will connect him or her with the school, class work information and academic resources on a 24/7 basis.

"Its significance lies in that the project reflects how technology will drive academic practices rather than augment them," said Lemon Grove superintendent Lean King. "Soon parents will be trained so that they can help their students make the most of this unparalleled educational opportunity."

It also marks the first time that all students in a given program have all-the-time wireless access to their school and extended learning resources.

The first year of One-to-One @ School and Home is made possible by funding from the San Diego Foundation, Classroom of the Future Foundation, Cox Communications and the San Diego County Office of Education.

Project organizers will pursue funding sources to continue the one-year pilot project in the future. ❖

Cox a Vital Cog in Improving Public Education

Since the inception of CFF, Cox Communications has played a vital role in the drive to improve public education. Not only has Cox contributed nearly \$250,000 through many resources, key executives have donated their time and knowledge as well.

Bill Geppert, Vice President and General Manager of Cox Communications San Diego, serves on the advisory board of the CFF Foundation. As a valued ambassador, Geppert was instrumental in

creating collaboration between CFF and the Economic Development Corp.

Steve Gautereaux, VP of Network Operations, has served two terms as chairman of CFF and through his efforts in the TIME (Teacher Innovations Maximizing Education) Initiative, is focused on taking teachers, pupils and school districts into the future by creating home-school connections and using automation to free teachers from many classroom administrative duties.

“CFF and the TIME Initiative are harbingers of the future of education, says Gautereaux. “They are founded on collaborative partnerships between education, civic and business leaders – all with the education of our children in mind.” ❖

Encinitas Embraces TIME Initiative

Count Encinitas School District Superintendent Doug DeVore as an educator who recognizes the value of technology in education.

Co-chair of STAC (Superintendents Technology Advisory Committee), Doug has long been at the forefront of incorporating technology into education. He’s been a leader in getting the technology experts working with the educators toward a common goal of improved education.

“An example of this is TIME. It’s our intent to make the TIME Initiative one of our priorities in the coming year,” said Doug, as Encinitas moves forward on several fronts to maximize educational opportunities for its students. ❖

Rich Thome Takes On New Responsibilities

CFF board member Rich Thome has been promoted assistant superintendent of

human resources and technology for the San Diego County Office of Education.

He will continue to work closely with Superintendent Rudy Castruita who places a high priority on educational partnerships with business. The TIME Initiative is proving to be a catalyst that is galvanizing new partnerships between business and civic leaders and the County Office of Education. ❖

Xerox/San Diego Contribution Makes TIME More Available

A \$5,000 contribution by Xerox Corp. in San Diego has enabled TIME officials to produce 150 copies of their comprehensive Technology Requirements Study.

This comprehensive document is the cornerstone of how TIME can be incorporated by school districts into their programs. Six months in the making, it lists 285 teacher-provided requirements in a variety of areas, including curriculum development, professional development, classroom and academic data management, home-to-school connections, and infrastructure.

The additional copies will be made available to districts so they can measure the status and future of their education practices against the standards and vision of the TIME Initiative. ❖

TIME Innovation Office Works With Districts

The list of local districts actively involved with the TIME Initiative is growing, the result of a shift in CFF priorities to working directly at district level.

A number of districts are actively pursuing aspects of the TIME vision. In addition to Lemon Grove and Encinitas, they include San Dieguito, Cajon Valley, Ramona, Escondido High School, Julian Elementary, Grossmont and Poway.

Others are committing to TIME-inspired data-driven teaching concepts. For more information about the Innovation office and how it's collaborating with districts, contact Rick Beach at rick.beach@amazingpossibilities.org. ❖

Cal-(IT)² a Kindred Spirit to TIME Initiative

CFF's advisory board member Dr. Larry Smarr lives the vision of building educational bridges outside the classroom every day.

A professor at UCSD and founder of the California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology, Smarr is a renowned researcher and leader for his track record in building bridges between education and the community.

The mission of Cal-(IT)² is straightforward: to extend the reach of the Internet throughout the physical world. Rapid developments in wireless and fiber-optic technology are accelerating advances.

"The TIME Initiative is quite consistent with the mission of Cal-(IT)²," said Smarr. "Together, we are working collaboratively with educators and civic and business leaders to advance the Internet in ways that profoundly improve people's lives."

For more information about Cal-IT², visit www.calit2.net. ❖

Advisory Board Links TIME with Community

The Classroom of the Future Foundation TIME Initiative's advisory board of community leaders is an important link in the development of the TIME vision.

Recently those leaders reviewed the progress, status and anticipated future of the TIME Initiative program and provided invaluable feedback. That input came via representatives from Cal-(IT)², SBC, QUALCOMM, The San Diego Union-Tribune, Sony and Nokia.

"The key, in their view, is student achievement. That's the measurement by which most non-educators will evaluate the TIME Initiative," said Todd Gutschow, CFF chair. "It's important we keep that in mind as we communicate the value of TIME."

A follow-up input session with the committee will be scheduled this fall. ❖

