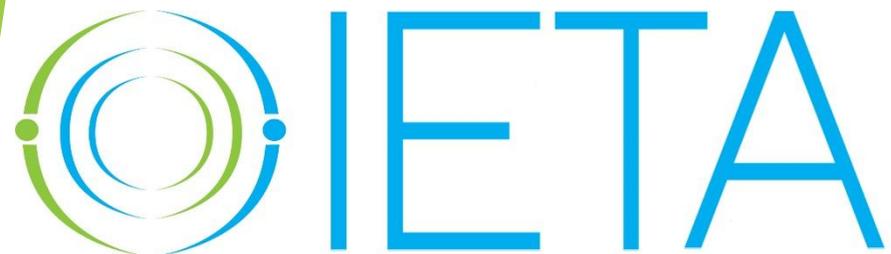


IETA Legislative Presentation

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The Idaho Education Technology Association

- ▶ IETA members promote, facilitate and sustain education technology and all its users while enhancing the education of Idaho's students for tomorrow's technology.
- ▶ IETA Members include technology directors, technology staff, teachers, and administrators from public schools, charters, and private schools.
- ▶ Members from the majority of Idaho's schools.
- ▶ Board includes six regional representatives, president, president-elect, past-president, SDE representative, and 1 special appointee.



How The IETA Gives Back

▶ IETA Grants

- ▶ \$10,000 a year
- ▶ For teachers and technicians.
 - ▶ IDEA - Next Generation Maker Space;
 - ▶ Post Falls SD - Motion Sensor Music Player for visually impaired student;
 - ▶ Challis SD - Interactive Social Studies Programs;
 - ▶ West Ada SD - Robotic Coding;
 - ▶ Oneida SD - Interactive Geography Stations;
 - ▶ Boise Valley Adventist - Document Cameras and Laptops.



IETA Conference

▶ IETA Conference

- ▶ Focused on integration of educational technologies and infrastructure technologies.
- ▶ Three days at the Boise Centre.
- ▶ Only \$25 per day to attend.
- ▶ Tracks for teachers, administrators, and technicians.
- ▶ 650 attendees. Largest education conference in the state.
- ▶ Local, state, and national speakers.
 - ▶ Apple, Microsoft, OETC, NCCE, . . .



Complexity of School Networks

- ▶ School Networks use the same infrastructure and end-user technologies as large corporations.
- ▶ Schools use many programs that are unique to education.
- ▶ School Networks are often larger and more complex than corporate networks with multiple sites to maintain.
- ▶ Schools are operating with significantly fewer staff and significantly smaller budgets than most corporations.
- ▶ Many school districts do not have full-time technology staff. Some do not have any technology staff.

Complexity of School Networks (continued)

- ▶ Idaho's Largest Employers (Department of Labor, 2014)
 - ▶ St. Luke's - 11,700
 - ▶ Wal-Mart - 6,800
 - ▶ Micron - 5,700
- ▶ Idaho's Largest School Districts - Students and Staff (SDE and NCES)
 - ▶ West Ada - Students 36,513, Staff 3,450, Total End Users - 39,963
 - ▶ Boise - 25,912, Staff 2,800, Total End Users - 28,712
 - ▶ Nampa - 14,892, Staff 1,387, Total End Users - 16,279

Current Issues

- ▶ The Internet is a utility as vital to education as power and water;
- ▶ Complexity of E-rate Funding;
- ▶ Bidding Rules;
- ▶ Spending Flexibility - Infrastructure;
- ▶ Lack of technical staff, time, and/or resources at the local level.

How We Make A Difference

- ▶ Almost all jobs our student will hold in the future will require the use of technology.
- ▶ Teachers need to be able to integrate technology into their lessons to ensure Idaho students are prepared for their future jobs.
- ▶ Besides providing all the support to make the network and devices work, we also provide lesson guidance and a safety net for teachers.
- ▶ Teachers need to feel confident that they can try new technologies in the classroom and not worry about the technology failing.
- ▶ Teachers who are uncomfortable with technology will be more likely to attempt to integrate technology into their classroom when they know there is a supportive technology team to help them prepare their lessons and support their technology.
- ▶ Without a dedicated and supportive technology team Idaho students will be at risk of failing behind student from more technology savvy states and have difficulty competing for future jobs.



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