

## **On-going Strategic Plan Idaho Council for Technology in Learning**

### **Mission Statement**

Develop plans and make recommendations to the State Board of Education on K20 educational technology and telecommunications plans, policies, programs and activities for all educational segments for an improved, thorough and seamless public education system based upon the importance of applying technology to meet the learner's need.

### **Program Summary**

The Idaho Council for Technology in Learning (ICTL) was established by the Idaho Legislature in Idaho Statute 33-4801-4810 to help apply technology to meet the public need for an improved, thorough and seamless public education system for elementary and secondary education, education of the hearing or visually impaired at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind, post-secondary and higher education institutions and public libraries.

**\*Note:** The following goals and objectives were approved by the State Board of Education at the October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting. Benchmarks and measures have yet to be developed and are contingent upon ICTL funding.

**Goal I: Literacy** – Cultivate an environment that allows for the acquisition of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills, which will enable an individual to succeed and function effectively in an increasingly technological and information-based world.

**Objective 1:** Increase teacher technology literacy among Idaho's K-12 and Higher Education organizations that, as a result, improves the quality, effectiveness and relevance of instruction and learning by integrating technology with curriculum

**Objective 2:** Encourage the use of technology to create a framework of student centered learning.

**Objective 3:** Enable administrators to understand and competently use technology to fulfill their leadership duties in enhancing learning and school/district operations.

**Goal II: Collaboration** – Engage and facilitate in cooperative efforts among educational segments that report to the State Board of Education, as well as libraries, businesses, professional organizations and community members to assist in implementing the mission and vision of the ICTL.

**Objective 1:** (OPE Recommendation) Consult with ITRMC to recommend "Educational" standards and policies to the State Board of Education and ITRMC

**Objective 2:** (OPE Recommendation) Consult with appropriate educational segments and other professional education associations to identify standards and planning guidance for adequate district staffing and technical support

**Objective 3:** Ensure that appropriate educational segments as well as professional education associations and businesses are included in planning educational technology activities

**Objective 4:** Encourage and or endorse state-wide technology events, programs, or environments where educational segments as well as other professional education associations and businesses can converge for the improvement of instructional technology purposes

**Objective 5:** Establish common data flow systems among higher education institutions

**Objective 6:** Research technologies that can be adapted for use in Idaho education

**Goal III: Access** – Champion efforts that provide equitable, sufficient and sustainable access to digital content that is customizable for and by the individual.

**Objective 1:** Recommend a plan for a K-20 educational network

**Objective 2:** Improve the ability to identify, access and participate in learning resources and/or systems that are customizable for and by the individual

**Objective 3:** Work to enable access by all students and teachers to 21st Century tools

**Goal IV: Integration** – Incorporate technology-based resources for the improvement of the quality and effectiveness of instruction and learning for all learners as well as for the increased efficiency in the administration and management of educational segments and data systems.

**Objective 1:** Recognize the role that the technology coordinator plays in integrating technology by empowering the position with the appropriate authority, skills, insights and abilities to assist local administrators in improving student achievement

**Objective 2:** Establish a plan for an integrated K20 data flow system that improves data collection, management, storage, and reporting

**Objective 3:** Re-evaluate the standards and criteria for the public school technology grant program to ensure that some funds are used for integration efforts

**Objective 4:** Increase the breadth and depth of digital content for electronic delivery on demand to include all areas of educational and cultural resources, both formal and informal

**Objective 5:** Identify challenges that K-12 and Higher Educational organizations face that hinder or prevent the integration of technology

**Goal V: Evaluation/Assessment** – Engage in annual systematic inquiry to determine recommended technology-based resources, products, projects, programs, practices, priorities or needs that includes the publication of the standards and criteria used to evaluate such programs.

**Objective 1:** (OPE Recommendation) Identify, evaluate, and recommend exemplary education and technology programs, practices, and products

**Objective 2:** (OPE Recommendation) Improve the quality of technology information maintained and reported to the Legislature

**Objective 3:** (OPE Recommendation) Develop a technology assessment tool that indicates levels of progress for planning and policy, finance, equipment and infrastructure, digital content, maintenance and support, professional development, and technology integration

**Objective 4:** Identify and recommend educational technology priorities and needs

**Objective 5:** Identify and communicate the impact that technology has on education to all K-20 stakeholders, the State Board of Education, and the Legislature

**Goal VI: Leadership** – Distinguish the ICTL as the recognized source for education technology that recommend and communicates policies, standards, guidelines, best practices, and priorities for teaching and learning.

**Objective 1:** (OPE Recommendation) Prepare for an annual recommendation to the SBOE for approval of state-wide Tech Plan

**Objective 2:** (OPE Recommendation) Develop a standard ratio of computers-to-district technology support measured by full-time equivalent employees

**Objective 3:** (OPE Recommendation) Distribute public school technology grants

**Objective 4:** Recommend priorities for the expenditure of ICTL administrative resources toward technology within education

**Objective 5:** Identify the resources necessary for the ICTL to meet the directives and needs associated with its mission and role