

# Technology and High School Success

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## Welcome Back



Hello! I hope you all had a chance to recharge over the summer, spending time outdoors with your family and friends.

Thank you to all who attended the Summer Institute and took time to respond to the online survey. It was wonderful to have an opportunity to meet and chat with many of you at that event and I look forward to meeting with many of you over the course of this year.

Please feel free to contact me at any time via e-mail, phone or videoconference. The VC meeting room (1769@199.216.149.3) is also available for your use should you wish to host a multipoint session.

Our Community of Practice meeting on Tuesday, October 20 will feature an update from the provincial research team.

## DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER

Fall Professional Learning Event—**Monday, October 19**  
Community of Practice—**Tuesday, October 20**



All project leads, team members and participating teachers are invited to this two-day event.

The Professional Learning Day, scheduled for **Monday, October 19, 2009**, will feature workshops on sustained innovation and collaborative projects on local and global levels.

The Community of Practice day, on **Tuesday, October 20, 2009**, will provide an opportunity for:

- Project leads and administrators to share promising practices and work on their jurisdiction sustainability plan;
- Teachers to work on media rich tasks and assessment criteria; and
- Technical leads to network and discuss issues they are facing.

Participants are asked to bring a copy of their sustainability plans, media rich tasks and assessments. Further information will be available in the **Detailed Program**, which is now available on the Timewise registration page and on the [THSS website](#).

Participants are encouraged to bring laptops as wireless Internet is available.

Registration and programs are available at [www.timewiseevents.com/emerge](http://www.timewiseevents.com/emerge).

# 2009/2010 Professional Development Sessions

As you are aware, there are two professional development events sponsored by Alberta Education and Emerge partners in each year of the project.

For the 2009/2010 school year, the first scheduled professional development session is the Community of Practice and Professional Learning Day on October 19 and 20, 2009. The second event will be the Emerge 2010 Summit in Banff on August 15 to 18, 2010. The Emerge Summit is an eligible expense within your grant agreement. Resources allocated for the May Community of Practice event, which has been cancelled, can now be used to attend the Summit.

For more information on the Emerge 2010 One-to-One Laptop Learning Summit, please visit <http://www.1to1alberta.ca/> or contact Ralph Luedtke at [Ralph.Luedtke@gov.ab.ca](mailto:Ralph.Luedtke@gov.ab.ca) or by phone at 780-427-6961.

## Call for Presenters - Emerge 2010

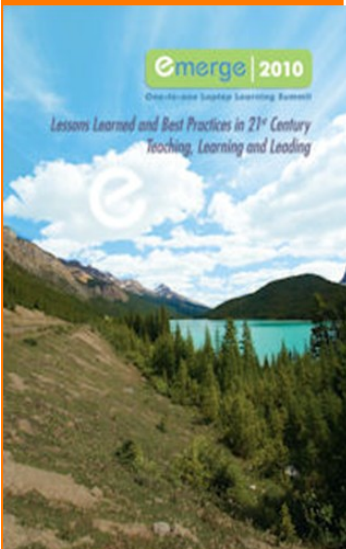
The Emerge 2010 Summit will bring together participants from across Alberta and around the world in exploring the use of one-to-one laptops and related technology to support 21<sup>st</sup> Century teaching and learning. The Emerge Summit will take place at The Banff Centre from August 15 to 18, 2010, and is open to the K-12 education community including leaders, teachers, technical support directors, policy makers and researchers.

The Call for Presenters is currently open, and the deadline for submission is October 30, 2009. Presenters are required in four categories:

1. **Teaching and Learning** – a demonstration of best practices involving one-to-one laptops or others innovative technologies used for teaching and learning.
2. **Leading Innovation** – leadership practices, programs or professional development to support and sustain one-to-one laptop learning and a blend of technologies.
3. **Research** – lessons learned from programs, practices, and/or activities/events in sound educational implementation.
4. **Technical Practices** – practices or policies related to the technical aspects of supporting one-to-one technologies (eg. Supporting student-owned devices, new network architectures and solutions, secure yet flexible networks, technology governance models).

To access the Call for Presentations form, or for more information, visit <http://www.2learn.ca/EMERGE2010/CallforPresenters.asp>. More information on the Emerge 2010 Summit is available at <http://emerge2010.galileonetwork.ca/>.

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# TakingITGlobal

INSPIRE INFORM INVOLVE

Article submitted by Michael Furdyk

TakingITGlobal (TIG) is an online social network for positive change – a community of youth who want to find inspiration, access information, get involved, and make an impact in their local and global communities. TIG seeks to engage and empower young people around the world who are interested in making a difference by connecting them to each other, providing information about pressing global issues, and offering opportunities and resources to support leadership and activism.

Available in 12 languages, the award-winning [tigweb.org](http://tigweb.org) has reached 10 million young people worldwide since its launch in 2000, and currently has a dedicated membership of more than 260,000 individuals in over 200 countries. The site offers information about more than 50 global issues, from climate change, to good governance, to online safety and security, and contains pages for every country and territory in the world. It encourages self-expression by offering an online art gallery (now comprising close to 16,000 submissions), discussion boards, blog spaces, and a magazine written by TIG members. It facilitates activism by allowing youth to organize projects and groups, create and sign petitions, make commitments, download action guides, get involved in public policy processes, and more!

As TIG's vibrant global community has evolved, educators inspired by its young members have sought to integrate its resources and focus on action-based learning into their teaching. This was made easier beginning in 2006, with the launch of the TakingITGlobal for Educators (TIGed) program. TIGed provides rich, interactive global learning experiences by allowing educators to leverage the resources of the world's most popular online community for youth who want to make a difference in ways that meet the needs of their learning environments. We bring a global education perspective to the most innovative applications of online social networking and digital media to create relevant, engaging, and student-centered learning opportunities.

TIGed offers:

- A community of 3,500 global educators and 14,000 students in 82 countries around the world who are interested in collaborating, sharing, and learning together.
- A resource centre with lesson plans, activities, games, and thematic classrooms linked to Mid-continent Research for Education and Learning (<http://www.mcrel.org/>) curriculum benchmarks and 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills.
- Virtual classroom communities that teachers create, moderate, and control to fit the needs of their students and objectives of their curriculum. Classroom tools include blogs, podcasts, maps, image galleries, live video chats, discussion boards, and online file storage, allowing students to demonstrate their learning, express themselves, engage in constructive dialogue around important topics, and develop a portfolio of their work - all within a private, secure, and advertising-free online environment, anytime, anywhere!

TIGed not only provides students with an online space to customize, connect with others, and share ideas on a global level, it also gives educators an additional level of access to support meaningful student research and literacy on major social issues. TIGed is a community in which students are empowered as learners and leaders beyond the classroom.

*As a follow up to Michael Furdyk's keynote presentation at the Summer Institute, he will be bringing support for TIGed and global collaborations to the Technology and High School Success, Emerge and Supporting Innovative Classrooms communities, with workshops he will lead with Katherine Walraven, TIGed's Program Manager, on October 19 (Professional Learning Day).*



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## Featured Articles & Resources

Alberta Education’s School Technology Branch is continually monitoring research on best practices in the use of technology for teaching and learning. Research articles or reports from outside sources that may be pertinent to the work of Technology and High School Success participants will occasionally be included in this newsletter. The information in the articles or reports does not necessarily reflect the opinion of Alberta Education.

### How Teens Use Media

A Nielsen report on the myths and realities of teen media trends (June 2009)

[http://blog.nielsen.com/nielsenwire/reports/nielsen\\_howteensusemedia\\_june09.pdf](http://blog.nielsen.com/nielsenwire/reports/nielsen_howteensusemedia_june09.pdf)

### Tech.News

**tech.news** is a monthly newsletter targeted to technology leaders in school jurisdictions and post-secondary institutions. Produced by Alberta Education’s School Technology Branch, the newsletter includes information on new technology-related initiatives, upcoming events, and information on new resources.

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