

Technology and High School Success Initiative Participant Newsletter

July 2008

Minister Hancock Announces Technology and High School Success Initiative

Honorable Dave Hancock, Minister of Education, announced the Technology and High School Success Initiative on April 30, 2008, in conjunction with a videoconference event at Queen Elizabeth High School.

“Today’s students live in an interconnected world. They are digitally literate and technology is part of their daily life,” said Minister Hancock. “Through these investments in innovative technologies, Alberta’s teachers are empowering today’s learners and improving student success in high school.”

A full copy of the News Release can be viewed online at
<http://education.alberta.ca/department/news/2008/april/20080430.aspx>.

Technology and High School Success Website Launched

The Technology and High School Success Website is up and running. This website, which is accessible to the public, provides general information on the project, a list of project participants, project events, resources and contact information.

The Technology and High School Success website is available at
<http://education.alberta.ca/admin/technology/techsuccess.aspx>.

Fall Community of Practice Event

October 20 and 21, 2008

Best Western Inn and Conference Center, Sherwood Park

Mark your calendars! The Fall 2008 Community Of Practice Event has been scheduled for October 20 and 21, 2008, at the Best Western Inn and Conference Center in Sherwood Park. This event is being offered in conjunction with the Emerge One-to-One Laptop Learning project to combine our efforts and offer a broader range of content to our participants.

All project leads, team members and participating teachers are all invited to this event that will feature informative sessions and an opportunity for participants to share their projects.

A full agenda will be sent out in August and registration will open in September.

Metiri Website

Cheryl Lemke of the Metiri Group, has prepared a website to support her work on developing program evaluations. This page includes the templates and samples from the May event, as well as links to relevant research.

The website can be found at <http://www.metiri.com/AEHS/>.

Research Call for Proposals

Alberta Education is seeking proposals to design and conduct research in conjunction with the Technology and High School Success initiative that is investigating effective uses of technology to improve student engagement and success in high school. A copy of the Call for Proposals that is open to Alberta post-secondary institutions can be viewed at http://education.alberta.ca/media/814901/t&hss_research_cfp_final.pdf

Media Awareness Network

In 2007, Alberta Education signed a two-year licensing agreement with Media Awareness Network to provide all K-12 school jurisdictions with teacher resources on Internet safety and cyber bullying. Providing jurisdictions with access to the Media Awareness Network's Web Awareness Workshop Series gives them the information they need to help students make ethical choices while using the Internet and contribute to a safe and caring school environment.

Media Awareness Network has just released the 2008/2009 English and French versions of its Web Awareness Workshop Series. All five workshops have been updated to reflect changes to URLs that are cited and to highlight current online trends.

Of particular significance, the Cyber Bullying workshop has been updated to include current Canadian research from the Universities of Toronto, McGill and Lethbridge. The Safe Passage workshop includes new information on Facebook and issues relating to social networking.

The new modules will be available from the Learning Resources Centre in August. Information on accessing this information has been sent out to all Jurisdiction Technology Contacts.

For more information, contact Karen Shipka at Karen.Shipka@gov.ab.ca or by phone at (780) 427-6961.

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Emerge Summer Institute

August 20-22, 2008

SAIT, Calgary

Technology and High School Success project participants are invited to the Emerge Summer Institute in Calgary. Though this event is being offered as part of the Emerge One-to-One Laptop program, Technology and High School Success participants may find a great deal that is valuable here for their projects.

Please visit the Emerge website to see the full agenda and session descriptions. [Please click here to register for the Emerge Summer Institute.](#)



Accommodations Near SAIT

Click the link below for a list of hotels in the SAIT area. A list of hotels near SAIT is available [here](#) and a list of hotels offering government rates is available [here](#). **(Please Note: Registration confirmation for the event will be required to get the government rate.)**

Elevate 2008

August 24-27, 2008

Banff Center, Banff

Alberta Education is hosting Elevate 2008, an international educational videoconferencing event, August 24-27, 2008 in Banff. This conference focuses on educational applications for videoconferencing and related technologies.

Elevate 2008 will feature spotlight presentations on the following topics:

- Interactive music with videoconferencing;
- Using videoconferencing to enhance curriculum;
- Forecasting the rapidly emerging future;
- Brain-based learning techniques in videoconferencing;
- Videoconferencing, virtual classrooms and virtual learning environments in South Australia; and
- Professional development supports for videoconferencing.

Please visit <http://www.vcalberta.ca/elevate2008> for more information or to register.

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