



Ed Tech Update

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Goodbyes, and Hello

Colleen Dixon, Executive Director of Educational Technology will retire at the end of the school year. Colleen has been an integral part of ensuring that our classrooms meet the needs of the 21st century world that our students live in. We appreciate her service, leadership, and dedication to the Educational Technology Department and the Issaquah School District.

Diana Eggers is now the Director of Educational Technology. The Instructional Technology Specialists will work under her in the Teaching and Learning Services.

Natalie Boyle is leaving the Issaquah School District after serving as an Instructional Technology Specialist for the past 5 years. Natalie has been an innovative technology leader in the district. She has designed ITP into the strong program we have today, and has worked tirelessly with students, teachers and administrators around the district to support technology integration. She will be missed! Natalie and her family are moving to the Tacoma area where she has taken a Technology Integration Specialist position in the Peninsula School District. We will let you know as soon as a new Instructional Technology Specialist has been

Questions?

Have questions about integrating technology with your students?

Please contact [Natalie Boyle](#), [Carrie Reckling](#), or [Josh Moore](#)

This is the 9th 2014-15 edition of the Ed Tech Update, brought to you by the Ed Tech Department, and is provided to give you an update on classes, software tips, resources, and other important information. More information can also be found on the Ed Tech Connect site: [click here to access](#).

Optional Tech Kickoff 2015, Register Now!

TECH KICK OFF IS 8.28.15
CLICK HERE TO REGISTER
NOW ON PD PLACE



Visit the [Tech Kickoff Connect site](#) for a list of conference session descriptions. When registering for Tech Kickoff in [PD Place](#), you'll register for the conference itself and then take the extra step to select the conference sessions that you would like to attend.

2014-2015 Tech Per Diem Hours

Have you accessed all 6 Tech Per Diem Hours for the 2014-2015 school year? Not sure? Double check your status [here](#).

It's not too late if you still have hours to access. All staff members (including Classified staff) are welcome to take Atomic Learning tutorials for compensation that align with your job responsibilities until August 31, 2015. Certificated staff can access their 6 Tech Per Diem hours and up to 15 In-Service hours. Classified staff can access up to 15 In-Service hours. Compensation paperwork must be submitted to the Ed Tech Department by September 2, 2015.



Professional Development Opportunity

Our district has been invited to attend Tahoma's [Teaching, Learning, & Technology Summer Conference](#) (June 22-24, 2015). This is the eighth year they have offered this popular 3-day event and it's open to teachers and staff in other districts. Take a look at the brief description below and visit the [conference website](#) to see what's being offered. With over 40 90-minute concurrent session offerings, it looks like there's something for everyone. You can attend one, two, or all three days—it's up to you. The registration fee is very reasonable and includes clock hours (up to 19.5!). So, if you're looking to improve your practice and/or need some clock hours this might just be the ticket for you. We're told space is limited, so if you're interested, register soon to ensure you get the sessions you want.

If you have questions about the conference, you can contact the conference coordinator, Kimberly Allison (kallison@tahomasd.us), directly.

Education Apps in iTunes



Interested in refreshing the apps that you use in your classroom? Take a look at the apps included in the **Education section** of **iTunes**. From the App Store click on the Education category. Also take a look at the Collections section. There are some great suggestions on how to use every day apps in different ways!