# Instructional Support Services

"Building capacity to support quality programs and outcomes for students throughout the educational community."

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#### **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS/UPDATES:**

Sullivan Council for Curriculum Instruction Technology and Assessment (SCCITA) our county curriculum group meets monthly. A sample of recent topics discussed at our October meeting follows:

- The Sullivan County results for the Homework Survey completed in Spring 2011. This was conducted by Dr. Amy Svirsky. She is a professor and researcher from Albany. Follow up will include structured conversations with district staff regarding the utilization of Homework grades, class participation grades, and at the High school Regents grades as part of a student's academic grade.
- Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) now known as DA --Dignity Act. This will be implemented in July. We are already looking into the requirements and additional practices or programs needed by districts. To this end we scheduled a joint session of school superintendents and the SCCITA for November 4 from 10:30-12:30 at Sullivan County BOCES Conference Room1.
- Planning for the logistics of regional scoring of the 3-8 state assessments began. In addition, we are contemplating a pilot project for regional scoring of the January Regents exams.

#### Community organizations/affiliations

Liberty Rotary

• This group continues to serve the local community. Recently I participated in the Spaghetti Dinner. Proceeds are used for community projects. This event was held in support of the Liberty Boys and Girls Club.

#### **CRMC Hospital Board**

CRMC held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new emergency department. It truly is state of the art and should serve the
community well for many years to come. The project was funded with private, state and foundation dollars. This type of
partnership is seen in all aspects of community services.

#### **Instructional Programs**

Our Instructional administration team meets on a monthly basis. In October we met to discuss the following:

#### Overview of Data Collection

What statistics are provided on a monthly, quarterly and annual basis. The departments are working with the management system providers to get the reports we need. Chrissy Klein joined the group for this part of the meeting to address any questions.

#### Effective Instruction

• We continued conversation begun at the end of last year Ellen Todd agree to work on integrating the elements of instruction lesson design used by our staff with the instructional strategies discussed by Dr. Denise Shaffer. Dr. Shaffer joined our meeting as a follow up from the Quality Improvement Plan implemented for special education programs last year. She created a document that details the commonalities between Thinking Maps, Strategies for Success, and Marzano's instructional strategies.

#### **Professional Development**

• The administrative team will work with their department level professional development teams to provide a more active implementation of the professional development plans.

# School Improvement Jennifer Jessup, School Improvement Specialist

"Assist and support the identification and implementation of school improvement work to sustain effective practice in the most efficient manner."

#### **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS/UPDATES:**

- Common Conference Day: On October 7, 2011 Sullivan County school districts closed schools for a conference day. The School Improvement Department organized several workshops that were held at various locations in the county with a majority at the Sullivan West Elementary School in Jeffersonville, NY. Teachers, administrators and support staff participated in workshops about Common Core Learning Standards (CCLS), Data Driven Instruction (DDI) and other instruction strategies. Staff within specific content areas, such as nurses and speech pathologists, were also given time to meet for professional development specific to their needs.
- Science 21: Sullivan County school districts using the Science 21 program finished the required professional development during the month of October.

- **Elementary Principals' Meeting:** During the October meeting, principals met at the Administration building. At the meeting, principals shared ideas, listened to presentations and voiced concerns.
- Active Practice of Evidence-Based Observation: This workshop, conducted by Kim Marshall, was a professional development opportunity for administrators in the region on the topic of teacher/principal evaluation. Kim is a nationally respected leadership coach and the publisher of the "The Marshall Memo." This experience was organized in collaboration with Ulster BOCES and Orange Ulster BOCES as a Mid-Hudson Joint Management Team (JMT) event.
- Regional Scoring: Planning has begun for the NYS 3-8 English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics scoring. The scoring will take place in April. Research is being done on how BOCES will assist districts in regionally scoring Regents exams for both January and June.
- Collaboration/Representation:
  - o **Eldred:** During the Professional Development Team (PDT) meeting, teachers and administrators discussed the upcoming conference as well as their plan for implementing their evaluation rubric.
  - o **Roscoe:** At the Comprehensive District Educational Plan (CDEP) Team meeting, the teachers, administer, board member and student representatives reviewed three of the four district goals to assess the progress of each. At next month's meeting, the remaining goal will be evaluated.

#### ON THE HORIZON:

- Elementary Principals' Meeting: November 8, 2011
- Continued Collaboration/Representation: Roscoe November 15, 2011, Eldred November 29, 2011, Monticello November 16, 2011
- Foreign Language Local Assessment Creation: November 14, 2011
- Network Team Training: November 2 and 3, 2011

# **School Improvement**

# Denise Alterio, Staff Developer

"Assist and support the identification and implementation of school improvement work to sustain effective practice in the most efficient manner."

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS/UPDATES:** (ex. new initiatives, status of program, updates on older efforts, student achievements, etc.)

• Eldred Central School District – October 5, 2011 – The first in a series of four professional development sessions took place with a new group of Integrated Co-teaching teams at George Ross Mackenzie Elementary School. Session participants reflected on *Integrated Co-teaching* Regulations, distinguished between characteristics and non-characteristics of *Integrated Co-teaching* programs, identified the five recommended instructional delivery models for a co-taught class based on the work of Marilyn Friend, and collaboratively developed a co-

teaching lesson plan in alignment with the Common Core Learning Standards. During the session, participants also reviewed the six key instructional shifts for the Common Core Learning Standards in English Language Arts and Literacy.

- Fallsburg Central School District October 18, 2011 Fallsburg Central School District embarked upon a new phase of professional development, Aligning Consensus Maps to the Common Core Learning Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in Grades Three through Eight, with a workshop for seventh grade English Language Arts teachers. The program is an extension of previous projects that built capacity in the areas of Curriculum Mapping and Common Core Learning Standards awareness. English Language Arts teachers in grades three through eight will each participate in one full day workshop aimed at detailing the six key instructional shifts, building capacity to evaluate aspects of the curriculum (content, skills, resources, activities, materials) for alignment with the shifts, and noting changes needed to existing consensus maps for Common Core alignment.
- **Liberty Central School District** October 18, 2011 After-school Workshop The Curriculum Mapping Pilot Group convened for their first of eight sessions for the 2011-2012 school year. The session provided an overview of the Common Core Learning Standards with particular attention to their connection to curriculum mapping. The district will be expanding this pilot to include additional teachers beginning with the meetings scheduled for November.
- Livingston Manor Central School District continued its professional development program targeting *data-driven differentiated instruction*. The new cohort of 18 teachers met with Denise Alterio, BOCES Staff Developer, on October 19<sup>th</sup> to evaluate criteria of tiered assignments and draft tiered lessons grounded in the Common Core Learning Standards.
- Livingston Manor Central School District On October 7, 2011, each member of the Livingston Manor Central School District faculty attended a half-day workshop outlining the key instructional shifts of the Common Core Learning Standards. Teachers reflected upon changes needed to their existing curriculum based on the Common Core instructional shifts. Planning time was incorporated into each session to brainstorm classroom applications.

#### On the Horizon:

- Eldred Central School District Integrated Co-teaching teams at George Ross Mackenzie Elementary School will continue their job-embedded professional development with a series of lesson planning sessions, class visits and feedback meetings. Two onsite dates are scheduled in November November 7<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.
- **Fallsburg Central School District** Third and fourth grade English Language Arts teachers will each participate in full day workshops as part of the *Aligning Consensus Maps to the Common Core Learning Standards* Program. Sessions are slated for November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Liberty Central School District Curriculum Mapping Pilot Group members will meet on November 1<sup>st</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup>.

• Livingston Manor Central School District – Each teacher participating in the *Data-Driven Differentiated Instruction* Program will receive a class visit from BOCES Staff Developer, Denise Alterio, followed by a same-day feedback meeting to reflect upon the tiered lesson. Class visits and meetings will occur between November 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

# S3TAIR Grant (Supporting Successful Strategies to Achieve Improved Results) Mary Catherine Moran, Regional Field Facilitator, Hudson Region

### **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS/UPDATES:**

We have received the approval to initiate four mentor/replication partnerships as follows:

Mentor School (Best Practice)	Replication School (School in Need of Assistance)	
Cooperstown Central School	Norwich School District	
North Salem School District	Dover School District	
Charter School of Educational Excellence	Wappinger Falls	
Webster (not in the Hudson Region)	Saugerties	

- We will continue to support the partnership between Chenango Forks and Buffalo. This will be the second year of their collaboration.
- In October I had meetings with school representatives from Cooperstown, Norwich, Yonkers, Wappinger Falls and Saugerties. This year travel will be extensive as I will be supporting the partnership efforts by providing technical assistance and professional learning to the staff involved in the S3TAIR Project.
- I will also continue to meet with Greenburgh-Graham, a validated best practice site for PBIS. Though they will not be partnered with a replication site, we do plan to continue to work with them to document their programs. We intend to video tape the work that they have been involved in and hope to start this process in December.
- Attended my S3TAIR Retreat in Albany this month. This is the opportunity to get together with all state-wide Regional Field Facilitators. Attendance is mandatory as part of the grant agreement.

#### ON THE HORIZON:

- In November I'll be involved in working on the Action Plans for collaboration between mentor and replication sites.
- Visits to both mentor and replication sites.

# **Upcoming Events:**

Sullivan West
Technical Assistance
Meetings with Literacy Coach
and ELA staff
October 31<sup>st</sup> – planning
November 1<sup>st</sup> – session

November 3<sup>rd</sup> Yonkers site visit

November 8<sup>th</sup> Dover site visit

November 21<sup>st</sup>
Cooperstown and Norwich 1<sup>st</sup>
Partnership meeting in
Cooperstown

Other site visits will be scheduled soon.

# School Improvement - Race to the Top Donna M. Bushey, Network Team Leader

#### **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS/UPDATES:**

- The Network Team delivered several workshops to teachers and paraprofessionals during the October 7 Common Conference Day.
- The Network Team Leader attended a meeting of the Monticello Administrative Leadership Team to review elements of Race to the Top.
- The Network Team participated in a regional meeting of the BOCES Joint Management Team to discuss Race to the Top supports for districts.
- Some members of the Network Team, and many administrators from the component schools, attended a day-long session on evidence-based evaluation, presented by Mr. Kim Marshall, and hosted by Tri-Valley,
- The Network Team Leader conducted an analysis/strategic planning meeting at Liberty Elementary.

- The Network Team and many component school staff attended a BOCES-sponsored training session on the BOCES Assessment Reporting System (BARS).
- The Network Team Leader attended a county-wide Secondary Principal's meeting to present an informational session on elements of Race to the Top.
- The Network Team Leader facilitated a meeting of the Eldred Secondary Inquiry Team.
- The Network Team Leader attended a planning session with the Sullivan West Elementary literacy coach and principal to discuss Network Team supports for teachers in the areas of common core learning standards for English/language arts, and for data-driven instruction.

#### ON THE HORIZON:

- The Network Team will attend a two-day training session in Albany on November 2-3. The following topics will be covered: Teacher-Leader Evaluation: Driving Effectiveness in Teacher Practice; Common Core Curriculum and Assessments; and Data-Driven Instruction: Turning Analysis into Action. Component school teams will receive turn-key training shortly after the Network Team's return to Sullivan County.
- The Network Team Leader has scheduled several on-site visits with component school inquiry teams to analyze their present level of implementation of the Race to the Top initiatives, and to collaboratively plan the supports that are needed in order to help teams advance the initiative.

# **Upcoming Events:**

- Liberty High School Meeting: November 1
- Inquiry Team Training, Albany: November 2-3
- Eldred Administrative
   Team Meeting, November 8
- Elementary Principal's Meeting, November 8 (Livingston Manor)
- Liberty Elementary Faculty Meeting, November 9
- Livingston Manor Inquiry
   Team Meeting: November 18

Data Analysis Service
Joseph Pawlick, Ed.D
"Transforming Data into Insight"

## **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS/UPDATES:**

• Data Services have been focused on Monticello CSD with custom designs such as: Determining the number of students at each school site required to attain the effective annual measurable objectives.

Thirty participants from Monticello CSD and Livingston Manor CSD were trained to utilize the BOCES
Assessment Reporting System (BARS). This system allows teachers in the classroom to assess
individual performance indicators by students, classrooms and programs to design skills
enhancement lesson plans.



#### ON THE HORIZON:

PRESENTATION OF STUDENT/EFFECTIVE ANNUAL MEASURABLE OBJECTIVE STUDENT COUNT TO ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS

CUSTOMER SERVICE VISITS AND DATA PRESENTATIONS TO CLIENT DISTRICTS.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE JANUARY REGENTS EXAMS

BOCES Assessment Reporting System (BARS) for SWCSD, ROSCOE CSD, Liberty CSD

# RSE-TASC (Regional Special Education-Technical Assistance Support Center)

Dr. Denise Shaffer, Director

"SE-TASC is empowered to provide targeted technical assistance to school districts determined by the Office of Special Education through focused activities to improve instructional practices primarily in the areas of literacy, behavioral supports and special education services for students with disabilities."

#### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS/UPDATES:

Autism Awareness Day, September 22, 2011 had Michael John Carley as the keynote speaker. Michael is the CEO of the organization GRASP which hires and supports individuals with Asperger's Syndrome. Everyone who attended left with tips and strategies that were relevant to their situation.

#### Some comments included:

- o "I look forward every year, thank you for providing these conferences."
- o "Thank you, the seminars are wonderful and I always leave with hope."
- o "You are doing wonderful things for parents and others."
- o "Thanks for the opportunity and information!"

#### ON THE HORIZON:

• Pathways to a Successful Future is being held in conjunction with the Sullivan BOCES' Parent/Teacher conferences for Alternative Education, Career & Tech and Special Education. Parents and teachers will have an opportunity to see the resources available for students with disabilities. The event is sponsored by Parents 4 Parents.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Pathways to a Successful Future

November 17, 2011 4:00pm-7:00pm Rubin Pollack Education Center

Community Resources
Educational Opportunities
Vocational Assistance
& Services

# School Library System

# Lynn Miller

"Our mission is to be instructional partners in preparing life-long learners for the 21st century."

# Prevention/Educational Support Services

Dr. Debra Fuchs Nadeau, Director

"Preparing Youth for the Challenges of Life"

Program/Class Name		Division Statistics		
	Music	1 educator – 2 school districts		
Itinerant CoSers	English as a Second Language	2 educators – 5 school districts		
	Occupational Therapist	1 occupational therapist – 2 school districts		
	Sign Language Interpreter	1 interpreter – 1 district – 1 student		
	Social Workers	1 social worker – 2 districts		
	Psychologist	1 psychologist – 3 districts		
_	McKinney Vento Grant	Serves all 8 school districts		

<b>State Grants</b>	( $\underline{\mathbf{A}}$ cademic $\underline{\mathbf{S}}$ upport for $\underline{\mathbf{K}}$ ids - ASK)			
	Comprehensive Adolescent Pregnancy	Serves all 8 school districts and the community with a focus on		
	<u>Prevention Grant (CAPP)</u>	Monticello, Fallsburg and Liberty area zip codes ( as per the grant)		
	Safe Schools CoSer	All districts		
CoSers	PBIS CoSer ( <b>P</b> ositive <b>B</b> ehavior <b>I</b> ntervention & <b>S</b> upports)	Serves 6 school districts		
	Elementary School Counselors	No cost extension ends December 31, 2011 Currently employ 1 PATHS Coach		
Federal Grants	Carol M .White  Physical Education Program Grant  (PEP)	Serves BOCES		

### **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS/UPDATES:** (ex. new initiatives, status of program, updates on older efforts, student achievements, etc.)

- Tom Ellison Prevention Specialist and PBIS program facilitator has been trained in the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. Olweus is a research-based program. Fallsburg and Liberty Central Schools staffs are being trained in how to implement the program. Tom will be providing parts of the training along with trainers from the New York State Center for School Safety. Tom will also be responsible for all the districts' Olweus technical assistance needs.
- Due to a no-cost extension on the federal Elementary School Counselors grant, the Prevention Services department has been able to bring back Nicole Cucura Promoting Alternative THinking Strategies trainer and coach. Nicole implemented the PATHS program in Fallsburg for two years. She is currently working as a PATHS coach. Nicole is working with previously trained PATHS teachers. She is available to model, develop, and review lessons with educators who are implementing PATHS.

#### **GRANT/FUNDING INITIATIVES:**

• Comprehensive Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention program: Five Be Proud Be Responsible groups are presently occurring. Two groups are at Delaware Valley Job Corp., two at BOCES and one at Fallsburg. CAPP staff has also facilitated "The Birds and the Bees" forums for youth and their parents in the community. Staff presented the CAPP initiatives to High School Principals, SCCITA members, Elementary Principals and Guidance Counselors. Staff has also been busy working on Media Outreach. They have been creating a Facebook page.

#### **MEETINGS:**

Weekly meetings with Kate Hymes

- Weekly meetings with CAPP and McKinney Vento program staff
- Meetings as needed with PEP grant staff
- Four pre-observation meetings, observations and post-observation conferences
- Attended Kim Marshall training
- Attended webinar promoting Doug Reeves principal evaluation tool
- Continued development of the Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) with committee
- Attended <u>B</u>OCES <u>A</u>ssessment <u>R</u>eporting <u>S</u>oftware training (BARS)
- PBIS meeting at Monticello
- Attended <u>Sullivan Council for Curriculum</u>, <u>Instruction</u>, <u>Technology and <u>Assessment meeting</u> (SCCITA)</u>
- Attended Olweus training at Fallsburg

# **Upcoming Events:**

- Pre and Post meeting and observations using the Cognitive Coaching model
- Dignity for All Students
   (DASA) Presentation –
   presented by Mary Jalloh,
   New York State Center
   for School Safety
- November 1 Barbara Coloroso from "Kids are Worth it!" bullying presentation for Eldred Central School students

# Arts In Education, Distance / e-Learning, Model Schools, Technology, Telecommunications Lisa I. Pacht, Director

#### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS/UPDATES:

#### Arts in Education

"Dedicated to raising the standards and levels of visual and aesthetic literacy while strengthening and supporting learning in all areas of the curriculum."

The Sullivan County Art Conference 2011 will be held on November 8, 2011, at Twin Towers Middle School in Middletown. Break out sessions include presentations from the Orange County Art's Council, the Wallkill River School, and We Create Murals.

Orange County Art's Council (OCAC): an interactive presentation and learn what the OCAC is currently involved in, what it has to offer students, and how we can help supplement existing Arts programs in the schools. Bring your own ideas as well for possible Art's Council collaborations.

Wallkill River School: "Creative Partnerships Between Local Artists and Art Teachers" is a workshop geared toward developing relationships with artists in the school's home community to present workshops at the school in tandem with the existing art programming. Partnerships would bring the unique local color of the community into the art room, and combine local history and geography with art to create memorable hands-on art-making experience for students. This workshop will explore two examples initiated by the Wallkill River School which paired a local artist with a school to teach about botanical drawing and the first female botanist; a local Orange County historic figure. Topics covered in this program include finding appropriate artists, finding funding streams, and developing programs with the schools. Presented Shawn Dell Joyce, who is director of the Wallkill River School of Art in Orange County, and has successfully partnered with local school districts including Valley Central School District and Newburgh Free Academy, to bring two separate art programs; "Following in the Footsteps of Jane Colden" and "Montgomery Mastodon" to local school children for five consecutive years.

We Create Murals: Learn step-by-step processes for how to develop cross-curricular arts activities with a concentration on creating murals with students and understand how these activities can be applied to learning standards. Mark Stankiewicz and his wife Samantha are professionally trained artists and art educators with many years of experience in making and teaching art.

### Distance / e-Learning

"Facilitating teaching and learning by using interactive audio and video technologies."

Eldred CSD continues to receive Regents Physics from Monticello CSD over IP videoconference.

The following videoconference / Adobe Connect / WebEx connections were arranged and facilitated:

- The Koffee Klatch was connected through Adobe Connect from RPEC to SJS to WSS on 10/11.
- The SUNY New Paltz HR Course was connected through Adobe Connect from SCBOCES to Washingtonville CSD on 10/6 and 10/13.
- There was a Webinar using WebEx for Susan Schmidt on 10/12.
- There was an ABC Video Conference connected using the Tandberg unit to Central New York Regional Information Center (CNYRIC) Conference Bridge on 10/18.

#### Model Schools

"Leveraging technology to transform education by improving the learning and lives of students."

The Sullivan County Support Group (STSG) met on 10/5, to discuss the Instructional Technology and infrastructure needs of our component school districts. Topics included: bandwidth; the new internet connection contract for Sullivan, Orange, and Ulster counties; SchoolTools- student management system; capacity of computers/personal devices for online assessment; Microsoft Office Campus Agreement; Model Schools workshop offerings; Instructional Technology Contracts; Scan-tron and Linkit; Lightspeed filtering system; E-Rate; and the School Library System.

The Mid-Hudson Information Center (MHRIC) held the Regional Advisory Council (RAC) meeting on 10/7. Topics included: MHRIC Administrative Survey results; Guide K12; Internet bandwidth price reduction; SED Online Testing Initiative; Google Apps; and e-rate distribution.

The New York State Model Schools Consortium (NYSMS) met on 10/13 -14, at the Lower Hudson Regional Information Center (LHRIC), in Elmsford NY. Topic included: Mobile Learning Devices (MLD); School Library Systems; Distance Learning; Google; our new NYSMS website; New York State Curriculum for Advanced Technological Education (NYSCATE) planning; Hudson Valley NYSCATE; Moodle 2.0 changes; Common Core Learning Standards; Race To The Top (RTTT) and Network Teams.

The following Model Schools workshops/trainings were offered:

- OASYS overview for Eldred CSD
- Adobe Connect trainings
- Microsoft Office 2010 Overview training for BOCES staff
- SchoolDude refresher training for BOCES staff
- MyLearningPlan refresher training for BOCES staff

# **Technology**

"Providing professional service, support, and training that encompass educational media, technology, and infrastructure."

- The technology department is creating individual student network accounts again this year. We are happy to report that this has been accomplished thanks to the input from our various Program Directors.
- Administration building computers are scheduled to be re-imaged beginning the week of 10/24 and will include the new MS Office 2010 product. This will complete the imaging of all campus computers.
- The IT department wrote the specifications for a new portable PA system to include wireless microphones. If purchased, this
  will replace the aging unit currently in production. The IT department wrote specifications for equipment that will provide HD
  signals to multiple LCD displays in the Gym Annex. This equipment may be available to us through a PEP grant opportunity.
- IT continually respond to many phone system requests for locked passwords, change passwords, set up voice mail accounts, extend ring time, etc.
- We replaced several projector bulbs and responded to many calls for issues with SMARTboards.
- We are currently working with Novell support to resolve problems with mail services failing.
- We were able to resolve an outstanding issue with a VOIP fax machine at SJS.
- The IT department is currently working on final connection to bring the Eldred bus garage online.

#### **Telecommunications**

The Technology department continues its role as a leader in the area of Telecommunications by offering shared technical resources through its Telecommunications CoSer (630). The Technology department has been instrumental in providing the following services to our component districts:

- SRST Planning/Testing
- · Communications network planning/troubleshooting
- IP Paging system configuration and troubleshooting
- Phone system additions
- Call Manager upgrades

#### On the Horizon:

Distance / e-Learning

The following videoconference connections are scheduled for November:

- November 8<sup>th</sup>: Koffee Klatch will be connected through Adobe Connect from RPEC to SJS and WSS.
- November 3<sup>rd</sup>: Lisa Pacht will be participated with the NYSCATE NYSDLC Committee via videoconference to finalize the NYSCATE sessions being held November 21-23 in Rochester, NY.
- The Washington Saratoga Warren Hamilton Essex BOCES (WSWHE) Assessment Awakenings presentation between SCBOCES and WSWHE BOCES on 11/1.
- Daily connections between Monticello CSD and Eldred CSD for the Regents Physics class.
- Weekly Adobe Connect sessions between SCBOCES and Washingtonville for the SUNY New Paltz HR course.

#### **Model Schools**

We will be offering the following workshops/trainings for November and December:

- JogTheWeb and VoiceThread
- Introduction to SMART™ Board
- Professional Networks through Social Bookmarking: Delicious, Diigo, and Symbaloo
- Intermediate SMART™ Board
- Better Research using Search Engines
- Cyberbullying
- Adobe Connect
- Google Forms and Digital FlashCards

# **Technology**

The Technology department will continue planning for computer standardization in the following areas:

- Network Cabling Infrastructure
- Microsoft Active Directory
- Digital Signage (Prep Grant and SC BOCES)

In addition, we have been working on the specifications for Digital Signage as well as a permanent PA solution for the RPEC cafeteria.

#### **Telecommunications**

The Technology department will remain focused on emerging technologies and opportunities to expand its Telecommunications service to our component districts. In addition we will do the following:

Continue to poll our districts on needs through regular discussions

• Upgrade and expand our own system to become a model for the county