

## CCSESA Report – End of Year 2020

### 2020 JANUARY-DECEMBER ANNUAL REPORT

MONTH	ITEM
<b>JANUARY</b>	<p><b><i>TSC General Membership Meeting</i></b></p> <p>The CCSESA Technology Steering Committee (TSC) continues to explore its role and how to help in the reorganization and restructuring within CCSESA, and changes in priorities at the state and local level as they relate to the work around Systems of support. During our January meeting, we spent our first day convening our Cybersecurity and Disaster Recovery subcommittees. Our Cybersecurity subcommittee reviewed CIS Cybersecurity standards, discussed a survey of security products used by COEs, and continued to discuss partnership opportunities between CITE and TSC. The Disaster Recovery subcommittee discussed presenting the TSC Disaster Recovery Plan at the upcoming CITE conference. The plan can be found at <a href="https://bit.ly/k12drp">Bit.ly/k12drp</a></p> <p>During the regular TSC General Meeting on Thursday afternoon and all Day Friday we covered the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Discussed licensing and collective volume purchase possibilities for Palo Alto Networks hardware and software (used by many of our COEs).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Received updates from our member agencies</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Received an overview of the state budget by CCSESA</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Received an overview of the CTO Mentor program presented by CITE</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) presented on Cybersecurity posture considering recent world events</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Received an overview of the California EdTech Joint Powers Authority</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Received an update and presentation from the California Office of Emergency Services.</li> </ul> <p><b>TSC General Membership Meeting April</b></p> <p>The April meeting of TSC was reduced to a half day virtual meeting, in lieu of a two day in person meeting due to COVID-19 restrictions. On our agenda we covered the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Discussion and building a case for how Technology can lead the strategy for how learning is changing K-12 education in 2020/2021</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reviewed a digest of a separate share-out meeting convened among CTOs regarding COVID-19 response actions.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Discussion and nomination process for TSC 2022 Chair</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> TSC invited CISC current and incoming chairs Cynthia Glover Woods and Jennifer Hicks to present on their work and discuss CISC Distance Learning Support and collaboration opportunities.</li> </ul> <p><b>TSC General Membership Meeting June</b></p>
<b>APRIL</b>	

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### JUNE

The June convening of TSC was also virtual and limited to one day, although we had a very productive meeting:

- ❑ CTOs received an overview from David Seabury (from El Dorado County) on innovative ways their COE worked to bridge the Digital Divide by distributing internet to underserved communities using vans equipped with cellular modems, wireless access points, solar panels and battery storage units.
- ❑ CDE provided an overview of their work to support bridging the digital divide and presented opportunities that included CTF Discounts, hotspots, and Chromebooks.
- ❑ Representatives from Zoom were invited to present to the group to highlight their work to support education and receive some fairly frank feedback on concerns from our CTOs regarding how companies like Zoom can improve performance, relationships and ways we can leverage our volume purchasing power to lower costs.
- ❑ Google was invited to give a presentation on their enterprise offerings for small districts
- ❑ CITE provided an update on their ongoing discussions with Palo Alto Networks.

### **TSC General Membership Meeting (out of band)**

The TSC September General Meeting was not on the original calendar, but the TSC Executive Committee felt that with all the initiatives and activities the committee was engaged it was important that the Committee convene an out of cycle meeting. Which was conducted virtually and limited to Friday morning September 25<sup>th</sup>. We had a very full agenda:

### SEPTEMBER

- ❑ TSC welcomed Karen Stapf Walters, the new CCSESA Executive Director, to the meeting, TSC members were honored and glad she was able to join, we noted that it was the first time the executive director joined a TSC meeting in recent memory.
- ❑ TSC, in collaboration with the CCSESA Executive Committee, worked closely with CDE and the Office of the State Superintendent to create a joint survey to track and match device, connectivity, and funding needs of our districts with donations and special offers that CDE and CDE foundation are able to gather. The survey system was created by key members of TSC (and TSC Executive Team). The overview was provided by Mary Nicely and Geoff Belleau from CDE and our key members to all the county CTOs, (with a brief update also provided to the CCSESA general meeting). We also began working with CDE on a proposal to incorporate data components of the survey into a form that can be collected by CALPADS (which would eventually eliminate the need for such a survey).
- ❑ Our group discussed several efforts to Bridge the Digital Divide using innovative technologies. One of the most compelling opportunities was a potential for early pilot of Starlink (SpaceX) next generation satellite internet technology.
- ❑ Our group appointed a new chair for the Cybersecurity Subcommittee, Terry Loftus from San Diego COE, since Sally Savona had departed her COE. We spend a portion of the meeting discussing new initiatives and priorities for the Cybersecurity Subcommittee.

### **TSC General Membership Meeting October:**

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The October 24<sup>th</sup> meeting is our final scheduled convening meeting of the TSC for 2020. The meeting began with a review of CCSESA priorities and asked for input from members, from there we went on to other topics. CCSESA Executive Director Karen Stapf Walters was able to join us for most of the meeting.

- ☐ Members received an update of the Digital Divide Survey partnership with CDE
- ☐ San Joaquin County Office of Education demonstrated their COVID-19 survey application to the committee
- ☐ CDE provided updates on their Broadband / LTE / discount efforts, and invited Mao Vang to provide updates and gather feedback from members on Spring Assessments.
- ☐ Teri Sanders and Luis Wong provided a briefing on the new BIG grant.
- ☐ The group discussed a proposal to have device and connectivity needs collected via CALPADS. CDE will discuss this internally and update our group.
- ☐ Gartner (a technology research firm) presented to members on the topic of “Creating the New Normal in K-12 Education”.
- ☐ Andrea Bennett from CITE continued to facilitate a discussion on Palo Alto Networks volume pricing.

### OCTOBER