



# Spring Technology Update

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# Items of Interest

- OECN Oversight Committee
- Ohio K-12 Network
- eTech Ohio
- EMIS
- INFOhio
- ODE
- State Budget
- D3A2

# OEEN Oversight Committee

- New process to help ODE manage the OEEN
- Committee includes representatives from ODE, MCOEEN, ITC's, districts, and community schools
- Working on several initiatives:
  - Continuous improvement plan process
  - Site visits
  - Subsidy distribution formulas
  - Core services

# Ohio K-12 Network

- Currently Upgrading the network
- Migrating from ATM to IP for video
  - Over six times faster
  - 50% completed for 30 sites
  - Target for completion is Sept 1, 2008
  - Remember – State support for legacy ATM video ends on Sept 1<sup>st</sup>

# Ohio K-12 Network and MC-TSG

- Adding a second Internet connection
- Soon to have two locations: Columbus and Cleveland
- Double the existing Internet capacity
- Redundancy/backup – connect to different cities (New York and Chicago)
- Renegotiated pricing with the supplier
  - Higher volume => lower per unit cost

# Ohio K-12 Network and MC-TSG

## ■ Security Audit

- State is sponsoring a security audit
- Currently in process for all 30 sites
- To be completed by the end of May
- Two phases: security testing and personnel interviews
- Will provide each site with a report of their baseline security posture

# Ohio K-12 Network and MC-TSG

## ■ Disaster Recovery Site

- Moving forward to develop a centralized DR site that can be shared by all ITC's and ODE
- Promoting VMware and uniform hardware to make recovery faster
- Utilize the high-speed fiber backbone to facilitate off-site data storage

# eTech Ohio: State Conference

- Recently held the 10<sup>th</sup> annual State Educational Technology Conference
- Over 6400 attendees
- Over 450 presentations and displays
- Keynotes and Featured Speakers included:
  - Robert Ballard –famous explorer
  - Ray Kurzweil – Technology Guru
  - Paula Kerger – President of PBS
- Next Year: Feb 2-4, 2009



# eTech Ohio: Educator Awards

- Technology Teacher of the Year:
  - *Lindsey Jurski, Sylvania Northview High School*
- Technology Coordinator of the Year:
  - *Michael Brace, Gallipolis City Schools*
- Technology Administrator of the Year:
  - *Dennis Recker, Superintendent, Liberty-Benton Local School District*
- Robert Cupp Award (Tech Legislator):
  - *State Representative Bill Coley of the 55th House District, Butler County*

# eTech Ohio Opportunities

- Schedule for these via your Hall Pass:
  - Area Meetings scheduled for Month of April
  - eLearning Summer registration
  - Technology Training Academy
  - Ohio Title II-D EETT Program
- For more information:
  - <http://www.etech.ohio.gov/connections/032008/all.htm>

# eTech Ohio: Commission

- Will be looking for a new director
- Currently working on strategic plan
- Chancellor Fingerhut would like to align this plan with the strategic plan for the Board of Regents

# EMIS Redesign

- Part of a federal Longitudinal Data Grant
- State has awarded the contract for the EMIS redesign to IBM and EduStructures
- Will develop new methods for “vertical reporting” – the link between ITC’s and ODE
- Will incorporate SIF (School Interoperability Framework) in the data transfer model

# EMIS Redesign

## EMIS Redesign Requirements include:

- Design, build, and implement a new reporting infrastructure
- SIF (Schools Interoperability Framework) for SSID and data transfer
- SIF agents for eSIS and DASL
- Training to enable ITC's to support SIF
- New state data warehouse to improve access and reporting
- Converting data from 2003 to present

# EMIS Advisory Committee

- Alternating chair
  - This year it is Sen Joy Padgett, Chm of the Senate Education Committee
- Discussing several issues
  - Clarifying the role of the committee
  - Professional Development
  - Clarifying tasks regarding EMIS data entry
  - Cost of EMIS
  - EMIS Coordinator standards/certification
  - Summer 2008 reporting dates

# INFOhio

- Recently relocated main office
  - 2455 North Star Road, Suite 1, Columbus 43221
  - Phone, fax and e-mail addresses will remain the same.
- Other activities
  - Working with Libraries Connect Task Force to determine titles for online access in FY 09

# ODE vs Governor

- Ted Strickland announced his plans in his State of the State address:
  - Recommending a cabinet-level position to oversee K-12 Education
  - State Supt of Schools and State Board of Education would remain in advisory capacity
- Not gaining much support from educational community or the State Board
- Might get political 😊



# Other ODE Concerns

- Recent departures
- Hiring freeze
- Budget cuts
- Will the issues with the Governor force other internal changes?

# State Budget: Recent Cuts

- Governor announced cuts to counter reduction in revenue
- Impact to OEEN Line 200-426:
  - \$1,318,696 in fiscal year 2008
  - \$1,470,551 in fiscal year 2009
  - Cuts allocated to Ohio K-12 Network
- Impact to EMIS Line 200-446:
  - Cut the proposed increase for FY 09

# State Budget: Recent Cuts

- Impact for the OEEN and EMIS?
  - Tried to hold ITC's and schools harmless
  - EMIS is flat funded – no change in the amount of state subsidy to support EMIS
  - No increase for ITC and INFOhio state support
  - K-12 Network will delay some projects planned to upgrade the network
  - Will not effect the \$3000 per building subsidy or state support for Internet access
- If more cuts... all bets are off

# State Budget: FY 10 and FY 11

- State Board has advanced the timeline for their proposed educational budget
- No expectations for any increased support for “infrastructure” items like OECON
- Recession fears – things are not looking good
- Governor is currently “fishing” several ideas and has pledged to come up with a school funding plan in 2009.

# D3A2 Statistics

- 126 Schools with EMIS data loaded
  - *Up from 116 in the previous month*
- 70 districts have test data loaded
  - *Up from 60 in the previous month*
- 5,497 Data Warehouse user accounts
  - *Up from 2,923 in the previous month*

# D3A2 Activities

- The project is growing as more schools load data into the data warehouse
- Project to add short-term assessments has been delayed. Steering Committee is trying to revive this plan
- Rebuilt the Financial Resources Committee
- Looking for ways to support D3A2 moving forward

# Questions?

- Thank You