

Learning Resources and Technology Newsletter September 2000

Legislative Update

During the 2000 session, the General Assembly enacted a bill that will guide the growth and development of educational technology programs in Connecticut. P.A. 00-187, beginning with section 33, establishes a new Commission for Educational Technology (CET) that will serve as the principal educational technology policy advisor for state government. At its first meeting on August 22, 2000, Karen Kaplan (formerly with ACES) was named executive director for the Commission.

Among the legislative charges to the Commission are:

- Develop and maintain a long-range state plan;
- Develop a plan for implementing the Connecticut Education Network (CEN), providing high-speed, reliable Internet access and video and data transmissions statewide – including the Connecticut Digital Library;
- Develop and implement teacher and administrator technology competency standards and a statewide professional development plan to help them achieve the standard;
- Ensure, in cooperation with the State Board of Education, competency in computing skills by the sixth grade for all students;
- Coordinate activities of all state agencies regarding the CEN;
- Serve as liaison between the Governor and General Assembly and local, state and federal organizations;
- Develop minimum and model technology standards for school construction projects;
- Establish the Educational Technology Fund;

- Contract for the development of a Connecticut Parent Technology Academy; and ,
- Assist the Department of Public Utility Control to establish quality standards for the instructional and educational cable channels.

The complete text of the bill can be found at:
<http://www.cga.state.ct.us/default.asp>

Do a “quick search” by Public Act 187.

Shadowmakers Needed

The second cohort of students in the Advanced Alternative Program to Prepare Teachers to Become Library Media Specialists will begin their program this month. One aspect of the school-year portion of the program requires each student to shadow certified library media specialists. If you would be willing to have one or more of the students shadow you for a day, contact Betty Goyette at (860-566-6660) or by e-mail: betty.goyette@po.state.ct.us

Many thanks to those who helped last year’s students learn about daily life in the library media center. The shadowing experiences were extremely valuable.

Instructional Television Schedule

The *Instructional Television Schedule and Resource Guide* for the 2000-2001 school year will be distributed using each district’s Learning Resources and Technology Facilitator. The guide also is available on the State Department of Education web site:

<http://www.state.ct.us/sde>.

The schedule includes several new series, including two composed of Weston Woods favorites.

Note: Remember that you must erase any tapes for program series that are no longer included in the ITV schedule as the retention rights have expired. Failure to do so may violate copyright law. If you need information about purchasing discontinued series, contact Betty Goyette.

The JASON Project 2001: Journey to the Hawaiian Islands

Once again, the State Department of Education is collaborating with the JASON Project by including live broadcasts in the ITV schedule. Two free kick-off events have been planned for the fall to introduce teachers, parents and students in Grades 4-9 to the project. They will be held at:

Maritime Aquarium, Norwalk
Wednesday, October 11, 2000
4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Mystic Aquarium & Institute for
Exploration



Thursday, October 12, 2000
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

For more information on this year's JASON Project, visit the web site:

<http://www.ctjason.org>

LRT Newsletter On-line

Future editions of the Learning Resources and Technology Newsletter will only be available on-line on the State Department of Education web site. Look for a new newsletter (including the Knowledge Network schedule) every other month in the Curriculum area under Learning Resources.

Summer Reading Challenge Tally

Tally sheets for reporting your school's participation in the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge have been sent to school principals. If students in your school read during the summer encourage them to contribute their numbers to the state total. The tally sheets are due by October 16, 2000. They may be faxed to:

860-566-8964. If you have questions, or need additional materials, contact Tom Murphy at 860-566-8792.

Knowledge Network

The Knowledge Network is Connecticut's instructional television fixed service (ITFS) system. It is microwave-based and schools must have a special antenna and decoder to make the signal useable on a regular television. Most programs listed in the Knowledge Network schedule are described in the ITV guide mentioned above. Other programming includes:

The National Day of Concern: Student Pledge Against Gun Violence. This program features students taking a pledge against gun violence and also presents other information of interest to educators. The program targets high school students and includes a call-in component for students to ask questions to a panel of experts. An information package with all the details about the program will be mailed to school principals.

Request Days: viewers may request feeds of a specific program or series missed during the original broadcast.

NASA Connect and Colonial Williamsburg Electronic Field Trips: throughout the school year programs in these series will be included in the Knowledge Network schedule. Both series are made possible through the sponsorship of the Christine E. Moser Foundation.

Program descriptions for NASA Connect:

<http://edu.larc.nasa.gov/connect/>

Program descriptions for Colonial Williamsburg:

<http://www.history.org/trips>

Knowledge Network October Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 8:30 - 10:30 Landscape of Geometry Programs 1-8 10:35 - 12:35 Race to Save the Planet Programs 1-7	3 8:30 - 10:30 Inside Story/Slim Goodbody Programs 1-7 10:35 - 11:25 Inside Story/Slim Goodbody Programs 8 - 10	4 8:30 - 10:30 Know it All Programs 1-8 10:35 - 12:35 Know it All Programs 9-15	5 10:00 - 11:00 and 1:00 - 2:00 Electronic Field Trip “Missions to America”	6 8:30 - 10:30 Looking From the Inside Out Programs 1-8 10:35 - 12:35 Looking From the Inside Out Programs 9-15
9 8:30 - 10:30 Integrated Science Programs 1-7 10:35 - 12:00 Integrated Science Programs 8-12	10 8:30 - 10:30 All Fit/Slim Goodbody Programs 1 - 8 10:35 - 12:35 All Fit/Slim Goodbody Programs 9-16	11 8:30 - 10:30 Art History: Survey of the Western World Programs 1-7 10:35 - 12:00 Art History: Survey of the Western World Programs 8-12	12 8:30 - 10:30 Global Geography Programs 1-7 10:35 - 11:25 Global Geography Programs 8-10	13 8:30 - 10:30 Club Write Programs 1-7 10:35 - 12:35 Club Write Programs 8-14
16 8:30 - 10:30 Math Wise Programs 1-7 10:35 - 12:00 Math Wise Programs 8-12	17 8:30 - 9:50 Civics at Work Programs 1-5 10:00 - 11:00 National Day of Concern: Pledge Against Gun Violence	18 8:30 - 10:30 In Other Words Programs 1-7 10:35 - 12:00 In Other Words Programs 8-10	19 8:30 - 10:20 The Middle Ages Programs 1-5 11:00 - 11:30 NASA CONNECT “Measurement, Ratios, and Graphing: 3, 2, 1. ...CRASH!”	20 8:30 - 10:30 On the Level Programs 1-7 10:35 - 12:00 On the Level Programs 8-12
23 8:30 - 10:30 NASA Connect (in ITV guide) Programs 1-4 10:35 - 12:10 NASA Connect Programs 5-7	24 8:30 - 10:30 People of the First Light Programs 1-4 10:35 - 12:10 People of the First Light Programs 5-7	25 8:30 - 10:30 Solve It Programs 1-7 10:35 - 12:35 Solve It Programs 9-14	26 8:30 - 9:30 Solve It Programs 15-18 9:35 - 11:00 Using Maps, Globes, etc. Programs 1-5	27 8:30 - 10:30 Timely Places Programs 1-7 10:35 - 12:00 Timely Places Programs 8-12
30 Request Day	31 Request Day			