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Transforming technology in education



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THINK FORWARD is a program architected to transform technology within schools. It is designed for IT staff and technology liaisons within schools and districts within New England.

How will the program transform technology within education?

There is more to technology than software, hardware, bits, and bytes. A true technologist knows how technology can actually solve problems within their industry. Committing to this program will give participants the skills they need to understand how to innovate within education using technology. Our workshops and training sessions will focus in 4 main areas:

Leadership

We will analyze leadership concepts and will enable the implementation of those concepts

Business

We will work with business concept models to evaluate whether they would be helpful in making decisions within schools

Educational Concepts

Participants will learn the basic terms and strategies used within the classroom each day so as to begin to see the relevance of different technologies

Technology

We will be exposed to emerging technologies and be trained on existing technologies, which will help make the most out of existing investments

Throughout each session, the group will explore different funding mechanism that will enable the implementation of the concepts discussed (i.e. leases, government programs, grants, budget reallocation, etc.)

Why does the program exist?

THINK FORWARD started as a result of analysis completed within the K-12 market. Most IT budgets are shrinking, while market experts are predicting an uptick in overall spending. It is our belief that if IT becomes more relevant, responsible, and has a better reputation within the classroom, money will be reallocated to IT so that they are able to make more strategic decisions about the technology being implemented within a school.

What does the program entail?

To start, we will be accepting applications to the program from July 1st to August 1st. Our first workshops will be in September, the date determined by the 25 accepted participants. From there, we will hold two free workshops each month.

If I get accepted into the program, what can I expect to gain?

1. Networking
2. Basic Understanding of Educational Concepts
3. Leadership Skills
4. Technology Training
5. Business Concepts
6. Knowledge of Alternative Funding Mechanisms

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