

Information Technology Assessment Review

Presented to the Board of the State Center Community College District

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What we saw and heard

- High degree of participation
- High level of commitment to the institutions and students
- Concern about resources
- Desire to see results



Assessment against Distinctive Higher Education IT Practices



Community College Technology Best Practice Snapshot

- Mature technology governance
- Seasoned executive-level leadership
- Integrated administrative system with a continuous process improvement approach
- Documented policies and procedures reflecting compliance and system utilization
- Widely adopted course management system
- Regular, predictable, funded life cycle replacement strategy

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Community College Technology Best Practice Snapshot

- Robust, stable, secured network environment
- Integrated email and calendaring systems, for faculty, staff and students
- Consistent backup and recovery
- Data security
- Solid technology plans with budgetary support





Specific Opportunities for Improvement

- Challenges with governance and overall decisionmaking
- Lack of planning, including project management
- Disconnect between Datatel users and technical support
- Inconsistent life cycle replacement
- Low adoption of course management system
- Unreliable wireless network

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SCCCD Technology Snapshot

- Network vulnerable to intrusion
- Network saturation at Reedley College
- Disorganized and inconsistent delivery of services
- Multiple security issues
- Inadequate leveraging of prior technology investments
- Significant lack of technology leadership and vision









The Opportunity





For Example: The Magic Form, Part 1



Six Week Turnaround



The Magic Form, Part 2 HR Cost









The Path





Senior Executive Leadership

 The District requires a seasoned, executive-level Chief Information Office reporting to the Chancellor





Comprehensive, Technology Planning

- Strategic Plan for Technology
 - Aligns with and supports the strategic plan
 - Sets tone and direction
- Tactical Technology Plan
 - Operationalizes the strategic technology plan and allows for detailed budgeting over multiple (3-5) years
- Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity Plans
- Comprehensive Information and Data Security Plan
 - Addresses federal, state and industry standards for data security



Resource Management

Human

- Improvements in technology resource allocation
- Common IT help desk with common dispatch
 Common help desk system
 Tiered support model
 Staff professional development and crosstraining

Financial

- Financial resource allocation can be improved
 - District-wide technology plan, including budget plan
 - Common systems leveraged across the district
 - Complete and thorough inventory of all equipment, with aging analysis
 - Funded and transparent life cycle management

Governance

- Aligns with the strategic direction of the institution
 - Fair and open debate of IT policy and procedure
 - Deficiencies are transparent and resolved in an open and collaborative forum
 - Colleges have appropriate input into technology strategy
 - Staff receives guidance and direction on priorities
 - Process for decision making on product acquisition and adoption
 - Instructional technology/classroom configuration issues are addressed in a manner that conforms with the academic schedule and requirements



Execution through Best Practices Support Model

District-wide Processes		
Shared by all colleges and centers	Resource Optimization	
	Hardware &	Shared Services
	software standards	Identity
	Inventory management	management & access
	Life cycle	Knowledge base
	management	Help Desk





