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El Camino College Trustee Joins State Technology Task Force to Release Recommendations on Improving Teaching and Learning

El Camino Community College District Trustee Ken Brown is a member of a statewide task force that recently released recommendations to bring 21st century technology tools into California's classrooms to improve teaching and learning. Brown joined teachers and other education experts on the [Education Technology Task Force](#) to prepare the report for State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson.

Educators should see smart phones and other electronic devices as tools in preparing students for the careers of the 21st century economy, instead as a barrier to learning, according to the recommendations that focused on learning, assessment, teaching, and infrastructure, while discussing the challenges of bringing the power of education technology to each student and teacher in the state.

The group's recommendations to begin the process of preparing a California Education Technology Blueprint are available online and are open for public comment.

Torlakson created the task force under his No Child Left Offline initiative earlier this year to begin setting the stage for a modern California Education Technology Blueprint. A plan for education technology in California's public schools has not been thoroughly updated in more than a decade.

The 48-member Task Force includes teachers, superintendents, chief technology officers for school districts, and representatives of the business community, among others. State and national research consistently shows that teachers and students all believe that increasing the use of technology can improve learning and help students connect their education to life after school.

In late Fall 2012, the California Department of Education will draft a new Education Technology Blueprint, which will be posted and available for public comment. The final document will be released in early 2013.

For more information on the Education Technology Task Force, please visit the California Department of Education website at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/eo/in/et/index.asp>.

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