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## **El Camino College District Trustee Brown Appointed to Technology Task Force**

El Camino Community College District Trustee Ken Brown was recently appointed to a new education technology task force by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson. The Education Technology Task Force will offer recommendations for how to bring 21st century tools into California's classrooms to improve teaching and learning.

Brown, an Inglewood resident and associate systems engineer with Booz Allen Hamilton, is part of the 48-member task force that includes teachers, administrators, technology directors, local and county superintendents, school board members, parents, researchers, policy advocates, and foundation/community members from throughout the state.

Members will assess the state's current education technology infrastructure and identify gaps between the current National Education Technology Plan and California's most recent plan, which was approved in 2005. The group also will assess future needs and recommend how to improve teaching, learning, and equal access to technology for all students.

Creation of the task force was among the goals set out in the Blueprint for Great Schools, a report on the future of education in California prepared by the Transition Advisory Team, a group of nearly 60 parents, teachers, and business and community leaders.

The Blueprint calls for incorporating one-to-one technology as a key component of teaching, learning, and assessment that supports high levels of literacy, biliteracy, and prepares students for success in the global economy.

As part of its duties, the task force will compile input from stakeholders and experts in the field. The task force is expected to present recommendations to revise and develop a California Educational Technology Blueprint over the next few months, followed by a series of public meetings to gather comments on issues identified by the task force. The public may also contribute information, research, and case studies to the task force at: [CommentEdTech.myboe.org](http://CommentEdTech.myboe.org).

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

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