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**Welcome to TechCon 2010:** This conference is hosted and sponsored by the best associations for professional development and technology in the state of Illinois: Illinois Association of School Business Officials, Illinois Computing Educators + Illinois Chief Technology Officers. These groups have pooled their resources to ensure a conference that will provide education for all attendees.

**8:00 AM – 9:00 AM – REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS**

**ATRIUM**

Could it be that we're working at cross purposes? A look at past, present and future approaches to education and the surprising tools we'll need to help tomorrow's students.

**9:00 AM – 10:00 AM – WELCOME AND OPENING GENERAL SESSION**

**RM 101**

**Educational Philosophy and Our Collective Lizard Brains: Reshaping the Future of Education\***  
**Mark Metzger**

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**10:10 AM – 11:10 AM – BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**RM 162**

**Developing and Facilitating Professional Learning Networks\***  
**Nadine Norris**

Focus on a wide variety of free web-based tools that school leaders can use to facilitate professional learning for faculty and colleagues. These free tools will allow educators to take the process of sharing resources and connecting with other educators to a whole new level. Discuss the importance of establishing and using professional learning networks and the ways that a PLN can help educators sift through information, collaborate, and connect globally. Most importantly, learn how to create content, including a portfolio of resources, that will guide teachers and administrators in their professional growth initiatives.

**RM 164**

**Building the Framework for Online Learning\***  
**Jeffrey L. Hunt**

Online learning is growing at a very rapid rate. Districts need to consider many issues to offer online classes for students, including the course content, licensing, learning management system, finances, and policy among many others. This session addresses the breadth of topics that districts should consider.

**RM 166**

**Working Together to Ensure Success: Technology, Operations, Purchasing and Curriculum\***  
**Jill Gildea, Michael Prombo, Diane White + Eric Willard**

Technology is a vital component of the education process that requires coordination among, and communication between, various departments to ensure the successful implementation of a project. From systems hardware to educational and accounting software, the cost of technology is high and the implementation complex. A successful project requires a coordinated effort on the part of technology, operations (to ensure adequate infrastructure from HVAC to high voltage), purchasing (bidding thresholds, district certifications, and vendor applications) and curriculum (classroom requirements, teacher training) to ensure a smooth implementation in the classroom, consistent accounting of the assets, and adherence to all school codes, purchasing laws, and district policies.

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## 11:20 AM – 12:20 PM – BREAKOUT SESSIONS

**RM 162**

**Reach for the Cloud Apps\***  
**Phil Lacey**

Even in times of unstable economic futures, schools must continue to develop high achieving students able to succeed and excel in the 21st century. Shrinking budgets and increasing fiscal demands make it difficult for schools to provide a variety of current, high-quality computer applications to students and faculty. Learn a variety of high-quality resources which run in the "cloud." Discuss the benefits these applications offer, reasons for using one application over another, and strategies for using these tools to develop a collaborative educational environment — without breaking the bank.

**RM 164**

**Web 2.0 and Modern Anti-Social Behavior: Managing the Problem and the Limits of Discipline\***  
**Mark Metzger**

Exploring the ramifications of Web 2.0 in schools, including tools for managing behavior.

**RM 166**

**Leadership and Technology Directors\***  
**Kevin Dale, Eric Willard + Chris Budzynski**

Learn the secrets of what Superintendents expect from their technology leaders. Unveiled for the first time will be a unique approach to learning how to be an effective District Technology Leader. Leadership guidelines from ISTE and CoSN have been used as a foundation for creating an outline for successful technology leadership.

## 12:20 PM – 1:20 PM – LUNCH TIME + TWITTER FEED

**RM 101**



**The mornings' back-channel feed @TechConference will be analyzed and distilled by participants.**  
**Mark Metzger**

## 1:20 PM – 2:20 PM – BREAKOUT SESSIONS

**RM 162**

**Mobile Learning — There is an App for that?\***  
**Scott Meech**

Learn the new paradigm shift that has taken place with the introduction of such devices as the iPad, iPhone and iPod Touch. A mobile learning revolution has begun. Take a closer look at what this means for funding initiatives, the implementation of these new technology resources, and the impact these resources may have on the learning process in our schools. Find new possibilities for learning opportunities, the management issues and implications for administrators, teachers and technology staff members. Learn an overview of the "Education Apps Review" (IEAR) project and a discussion of how this community of users can help to shape the educational technology landscape.

**RM 164**

**The Illini Cloud for Your District's Computing Requirements\***  
**Jim Peterson**

The Illini Cloud is a state-wide initiative to provide computing resources to school districts regardless of their sizes. In a cloud districts can purchase services, rather than hardware. Learn how this initiative can help your district provide services to your curriculum and administrative needs.

**RM 166**

**Social Media Policies for School Districts\***  
**Rehman Ali, Robert Ciserella, Jacqueline Wernz, Jeffrey Lake, Eric Willard + Susie Smith**

Districts around the country are struggling with the issue of allowing Web 2.0 resources to be accessed by students and teachers. While the benefits are many, the areas of appropriate interactions between students and staff, as well as cybersecurity require that districts plan carefully and implement policies and procedures that address these issues. The panel will discuss some of these issues and resolutions that have been taken to overcome the problems that arise.

## 2:40 PM – 3:30 PM – CLOSING GENERAL SESSION

**RM 101**

**What Good Did This Do? Analyzing the back-channels for nuggets of distilled wisdom.\***  
**Mark Metzger**

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