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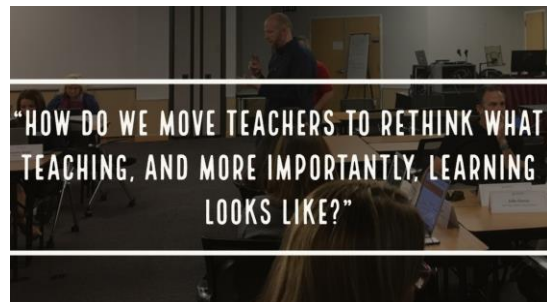
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## NEW APPLE LEARNING LEADERS NETWORK LAUNCHED

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Led by the SDCOE ITS Professional Learning and Technology Research team and representatives from Apple Education, several district tech integration leaders convened to learn about the latest updates and best-use cases at the first meeting of the Apple Learning Leaders network. The group had its launch event Feb. 13, which provided an opportunity for district administrators and instructional leaders that have been successfully implementing Apple devices for students to share successes and challenges.

SDCOE's Professional Learning team was approached by Apple to assist in launching and facilitating this network. Prior to this, there was not a clear and organized method for school leaders to discuss their initiatives or for them to provide feedback to Apple regarding the available tools and resources for the classroom.



The group members were eager to communicate with each other and quickly took to social media to keep the conversations going. Sandy Patterson, a digital learning coach, noted we should be asking questions such as “How do we move teachers to rethink what teaching, and more importantly, learning looks like?”

While many of the topics are universal regardless of what particular device or application is used, network members appreciated the opportunity to learn directly from Apple about the latest tools developed specifically for the devices they are currently using with students. The network will meet again in late May and has plans to continue meeting at least quarterly.