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TAPD GRANT PROVIDES PROFESSIONAL LEARNING FOR SD COUNTY TECHNICAL STAFF

There has been increasing awareness of the need for IT staff development and learning resources within K-12 education. Network management, network security, and technology procurement are identified priority areas amongst California CTOs. The State Legislature appropriated ten million dollars in one-time funds to support this work. SDCOE was awarded funds through the Technical Assistance and Professional Development (TAPD) grant to provide high-quality professional learning to San Diego County technical staff.

The first of these trainings was a five-day certified ethical hacker training Jan. 22 to 26 at the Oceanside Unified School District, hosted by District CTO Terry Loftus. There were 20 participants representing twelve school districts in San Diego County. Course participant Daric Horwedel, Network Analyst at San Dieguito Union High School District, shared, “I was hoping to get insight into what people might be using to try and hack our systems. From this professional learning, I will be able to improve on a lot of my skill set I already have and really be able to improve my own district in the area of security. I look forward to being able to share what I have learned with my co-workers and staff in my district. Thank you for this training.”



SDCOE ITS department will be sharing information with district CTOs about additional upcoming TAPD professional learnings for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year.