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Center Grove Schools leadership team participates in Future Ready Summit

Mountain View, CA (May 4, 2015) – Several members of the Center Grove Schools leadership team are in Mountain View, California May 4-5, 2015 to participate in the eighth of 13 [Future Ready Regional Summits](#). The summits are designed to help district leaders improve teaching and learning through the effective use of technology. President Obama announced the regional summits at the ConnectED to the Future Convening, hosted at the White House Nov. 19, 2014. The summit is being hosted by the U.S. Department of Education and the Alliance for Excellent Education at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View, California.

“Center Grove is excited to have the opportunity to participate this summit,” said Dr. Rich Arkanoff, superintendent. “Technology is embedded into our daily operations and curriculum to create an engaging learning environment for our students. This summit will help us remain on the leading edge of the latest innovations and teaching methods.”

Dr. Arkanoff, Sally Hacker, assistant superintendent, Dr. Jack Parker, director of curriculum, and Jason Taylor, chief technology officer, are attending the summit. They are engaging in a series of workshops that offer expert support to create or build upon an existing digital learning plan that aligns with instructional best practices, is implemented by highly trained teachers, and leads to personalized learning experiences for all students, particularly those from traditionally underserved communities.

“Superintendents provide critical leadership to ensure that every child in their district benefits from what we know matters and what we know works for kids,” said U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. “The Future Ready Regional Summits will be a forum where local leaders can share knowledge with their peers, engage leaders from outside their region and better equip themselves with skills and tools necessary to provide students with what they need to be successful in life.”

The summits are an important step toward realizing the goals of the ConnectED Initiative announced

by President Obama in 2013 to connect 99 percent of students to high-speed Internet and empower teachers with the technology they need to transform teaching and learning. The regional summits are expected to engage more than 1,800 district leaders nationwide.

“Future ready is about helping district leaders leverage technology to empower teachers, engage students, and close persistent equity gaps by creating a learning environment where all students have access to the tools and expertise they need to be prepared for the future,” said Richard Culatta, director of the Education Department’s Office of Educational Technology (OET).

The summits are open to district leadership teams that have made a commitment to developing the human and technological capacity needed to transform teaching and personalize learning using digital tools, by signing the [Future Ready District Pledge](#). Already, more than 1,500 district superintendents nationwide have taken the pledge.

More information about the OET, including resources for students, parents and educators, is available at tech.ed.gov.

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