CS Teacher Gathering

Stueckle Sky Center
Skyline Room
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To learn more about CS4HS, please visit the website at http://www.cs4hs.com/
Welcome / Agenda

• 4:30 Informal Networking
• 5:00 Welcome – Amit
• 5:00 CS Education in Idaho
  – SDE and Legislative Update – Amit
  – STEM Action Center Update – Angela
  – Code.org Update – Sherawn
• 5:40 Open Q&A
• 6:00 Dinner
Community... *It takes a village!*

- **School Districts**
- **Idaho State Board of Education**
- **Parents & Students**
- **Teachers**
- **Educational Institutions and Partners**
- **Idaho Legislature**
- **Industry**
- **Supporters/Promoters**
- **Google**
- **keynetics™**
- **Kaunt**
- **CODE**
- **Boise State University**
- **Idaho Digital Learning**
**IDoCode Update**

Amit Jain

- **Goal:** Significantly increase the # of highly qualified CS teachers
  - Third cohort starts Summer 2016
  - First cohort students graduated or near graduation
    - Teachers have a leadership role in the new curriculum at their schools
  - Potential replication of IDoCode at other Idaho Universities
  - Initiating a 10 credit Digital Badge with CID

- # of students in ECS/CSP/CS A Fa’15-Sp’16: >725 (~20% female)
Student Outreach
Amit Jain and Ernie Covelli

• Expand the dialog to females and minorities
• Encourage school counselors and teachers to reach out to *ALL*
• NCWIT workshop for Counselors, Teachers and Principals

- **September 23**: Save the date!
- Location: Top floor of Zions bank building
State Department of Education Update

Amit Jain

• High School CS Teacher Standards (done!)
  – BSU’s programs meet these standards

• K-12 CS Student Standards (in progress)
  – Currently in public review
  – Finalize this Fall for legislative approval in 2017
  – Aligned with CS framework developed by the ACM, CSTA, Code.org, CIC, and NMSI; and with ISTE and the new 2016 CSTA K-12 CS Standards
Teacher Endorsement Update

Amit Jain

• Does the state require an endorsement to teach ECS, AP CSP?
  – No endorsement is required to teach ECS or AP CSP/CS A as an elective
  – An endorsement will be required for AP CSP or AP CS A to qualify for core HS credit at a future date
  – Currently HS core credit for AP CSP/CS A with a Math/Science certified teacher

• Teacher Endorsement requires
  – Completion of an approved program
  – Observations using the Danielson Framework
  – Passing the Praxis exam
Computer Science Community Update

Amit Jain

• **Goal:** Build a community of educators
• Collaboration Forums: Piazza, CS10K, IDoCode, Code.org
• Future networking events
  – What would you like to see in a future event?
CS Curriculum Update
Amit Jain

• Two new nationally recognized courses:
  • *Exploring Computer Science*
    • Accessible to everyone!
  • *AP Computer Science Principles* – launching Fall 2016
    • 5 different curriculum recognized by the AP College Board
    • [http://apcsp.org/index.php/courses](http://apcsp.org/index.php/courses)

• *AP Computer Science A* – existing course
Models for CS Rollout

Amit Jain

• Vallivue Expanding Curriculum to Include Computer Science
  – New classroom created
  – Highly skilled teacher moved to lead the program

• Boise District
  – Successful pilot of ECS Fa’15
  – Fa’16 AP CSP rollout to four High Schools

• West Ada CS Magnet Program
  – 4 year PTE program focused on two pathways:
    • Computer Programming
    • Web Design

• Open for others to share their plans ...