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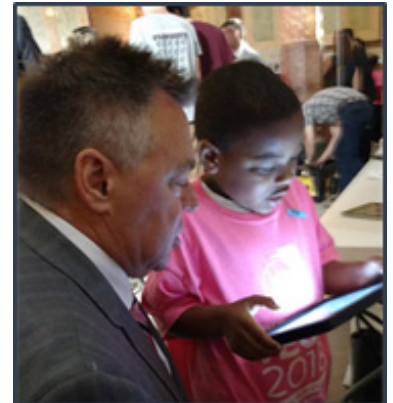
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Future Illinois Leaders: TECH 2018



The annual “Students for the Information Age” TECH 2018 event was held May 10 at the Illinois State Capitol Building in Springfield with hundreds of students and teachers represented from schools throughout the state. Students demonstrated for lawmakers and the public the creative ways technology is being used in their classrooms. The purpose of the event is to raise awareness of the critical role technology plays in preparing students to succeed in today’s world, and to show the need for increased funding for classroom technology.

Staff enjoyed spending time with some amazing and talented students and teachers. Pictured (above and to the right) is Secretary Kirk Lonbom with kindergarten students from Dubois Elementary School. Last year the kindergarten class was awarded a technology grant and the entire classroom was equipped with iPads. *“Technology has transformed the way my students are engaged in their learning. They take active roles in their learning and use technology to enhance their learning. Technology has also transformed the link between our classroom and the families. Parents are connected to the daily activities in our classroom and are made to feel as though they are a part of the classroom and a part of the learning”* said Mrs. Sarah Robinson, Dubois Elementary School kindergarten teacher.



The Department of Innovation & Technology, Illinois Century Network (DoIT/ICN), is proud to be a supporter and sponsor of this event and we look forward to TECH 2019.

Advanced Engineering Task Force Seeking Council Members

The ICN is seeking council members for the Advanced Engineering Task Force (AET) advisory council. The council is responsible for reviewing technical operations, policies and providing recommendations which guide ICN’s future direction. As a member-driven network, we value our customers’ input and participation. Meetings are conducted quarterly and consist of two in person meetings and two video/WebEx conference meetings annually. Send nominations to doit.icn@illinois.gov by June 22, 2018.



Several members of the AET advisory council met on May 18th in Springfield to tour DoIT/ICN facilities. The tour, consisted of walkthroughs of the Network Operations Center (NOC) and Security Operations Center (SOC).

For more information regarding the AET advisory council, contact Frank.Walters@illinois.gov.

Mark your calendar for this upcoming event!

Next month we have another “Hacker Hour” scheduled that we hope you can attend.

- June 28 | ICN Hacker Hour “It’s a Phishing Phrenzy”



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