



EVOLVING EDUCATION IN A WORLD OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES

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WHAT HAVE I LEARNED IN 15 YEARS OF WATCHING TECHNOLOGY EVOLVE IN SCHOOLS?



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WATCHING TECHNOLOGY AND SCHOOLS EVOLVE...

1995-2000:
Hanau/Hessen
Model School
Partnership—
TERC and
DODEA



STUDYING IMPLEMENTATION OF NETWORKED TECHNOLOGY IN A CLUSTER OF 4 K-12 DODEA SCHOOLS IN HANAU GERMANY

New Technologies

Extensive Professional Development

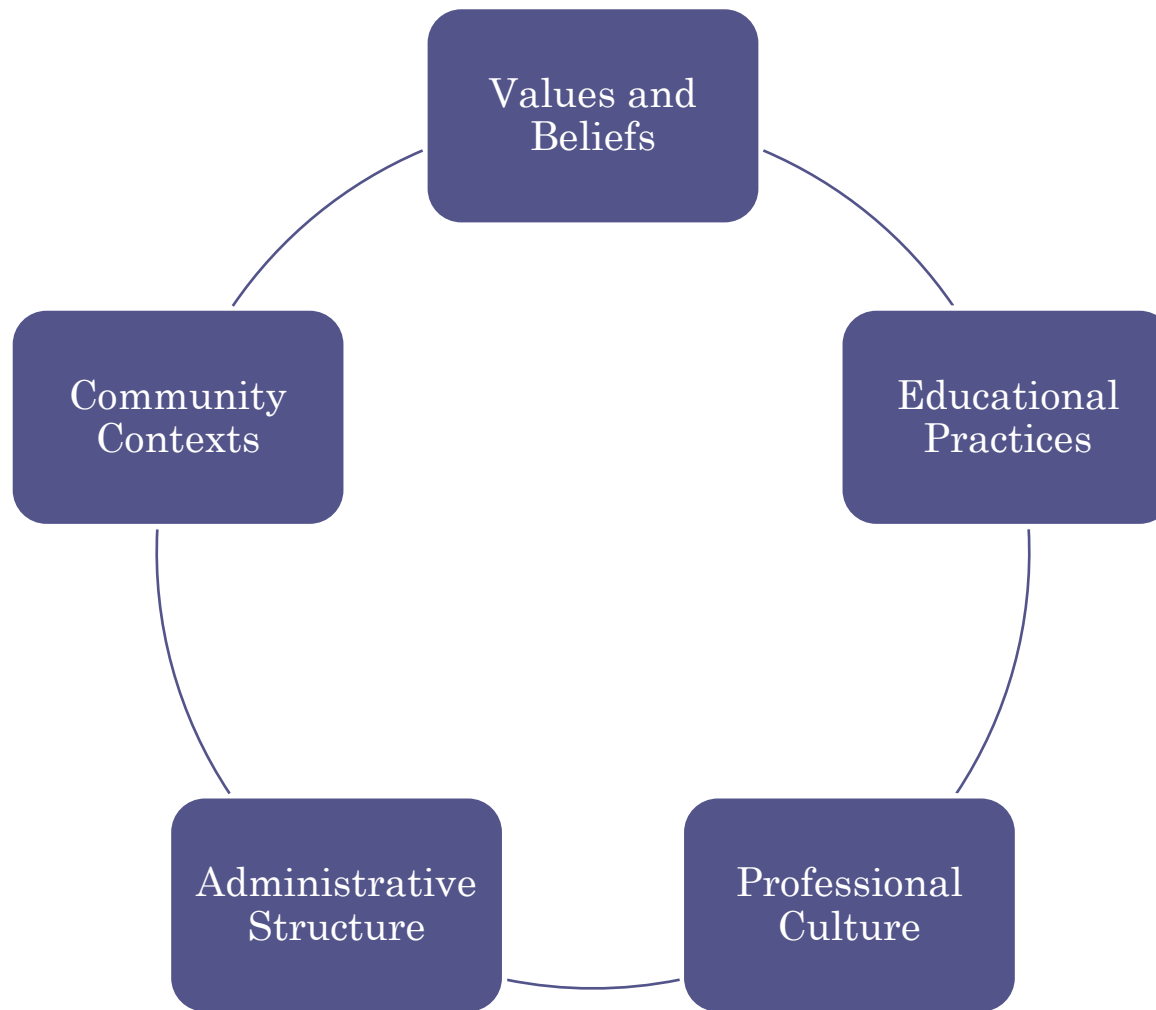
New Opportunities for Distributed Leadership

WATCHING TECHNOLOGY AND SCHOOLS EVOLVE

- 2000-Today:
Planning, Technology,
and School
Improvement: UMass-
Lowell



STUDENTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD INVESTIGATE TECHNOLOGY IN THEIR SCHOOLS



TECHNOLOGY CAN CHANGE VERY RAPIDLY

1995



1996



THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF EVOLVING TECHNOLOGY



TECHNOLOGIES ARE EMBEDDED IN PRACTICES AND EVOLVE IN RELATIONSHIP TO THE CONTEXTS OF THESE PRACTICES





NEW TECHNOLOGIES CARVE NEW ROLES AND STRUCTURES OUT OF THE OLD

Exp: Educational Technologists

Exp: IT Departments

Exp: School Technology Committees



FOR EDUCATORS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS: TECHNOLOGY IS A GOOD THING AND TECHNOLOGY IS A BAD THING

Good Things

- Exciting New Media
- New ways to reach all learners
- New ways to experience the world
- New ways to connect to families and communities
- Improved accountability

Bad Things

- It's so expensive!
- It keeps changing!
- Isn't the old way OK?
- I don't have time to learn all this stuff.
- I have a virus...We've been hacked into...the server is down...etc.



ADULTS ARE STILL IN CHARGE: YOUNG PEOPLE NEED ADULTS EVEN MORE WITH THE NEW TECHNOLOGIES

- Young people absorb new technologies with ease, BUT
- The range of their technological experience and knowledge may be narrow.
- Young people are very vulnerable to the Internet and its potential dangers.



WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF THIS EVOLUTION IN TECHNOLOGY AND SCHOOLING?

Allan Collins

- Rethinking Education in the Age of Technology: The Digital Revolution and Schooling in America
- (Collins & Halverson, Teachers College Press, 2009)



PREDICTIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE...SHIFTING FROM APPRENTICESHIP TO UNIVERSAL SCHOOLING TO THE ERA OF NEW TECHNOLOGY

Responsibility

- Will shift from parents to the state to individuals and parents

Expectations

- From social reproduction to success for all to individual choice



PREDICTIONS...

Content:

- From practical skills to disciplinary knowledge to learning how to learn

Pedagogy:

- From apprenticeship to didacticism to interaction



PREDICTIONS

Assessment

- From observation to testing to embedded assessment

Location:

- From home to school to anywhere



PREDICTIONS

Culture

- From adult culture to peer culture to mixed-age culture

Relationships:

- From personal bonds to authority figures to computer-mediated interaction



EMBRACE THE FUTURE: WE HAVE NO
OTHER CHOICE!

