

California Technology Assistance Project Executive Summary

CTAP Region IV serves 97 public school districts in the seven Bay Area counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Solano. Although geographically small, the region is very diverse, serving urban areas, suburban communities, and rural districts.

A 26-member Regional Advisory Council, consisting of stakeholder representatives from all seven Bay Area counties, meets quarterly and guides the work of the CTAP team. The Council approves the current regional plan, provides project oversight, and recommends modifications.

Using multiple measures to establish local needs, CTAP IV developed the three-year goals, objectives, and benchmarks presented in this plan. Professional development in all program areas will occur more locally than in the past and be aligned with districts' needs and focus areas. CTAP IV will work strategically with districts in the implementation of their technology plans. Region IV will add resources to its website to help districts locate electronic resources matched to SBE content standards as well as provide a resource library of relevant research and best practices on emerging trends for tech planning and implementation.

CTAP IV will continue to develop and provide professional development in the areas of curriculum integration, cybersafety and 21st century learning. CTAP will promote use of the four SETS projects, which are developed at the state level to provide support for the use of technology in schools. CTAP staff will work with districts to build their capacity to implement local programs to improve school management and data-based school improvement. They will also facilitate regional communication around the use of ELARs and best practices of data management. CTAP Region IV will continue to provide one-on-one support to districts in the tech planning, competitive and non-competitive technology grant writing processes. They will provide funding information through the publication of *Technology Funding Alert* newsletters and a grant information listserv. Lastly, they will continue to provide local support through their county specialists housed in each of the seven counties of CTAP Region IV.