Education Portfolio

Technology Plan, FY 2008

16 October 2007

Portfolio Composition

Governing Organization

Education Steering Committee

Departments in Portfolio	Working Group
Church Education System (CES)	, Assistant Administrator (Working Group Chair) , Director of Information Technology
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, Lead Program Manager, ICS

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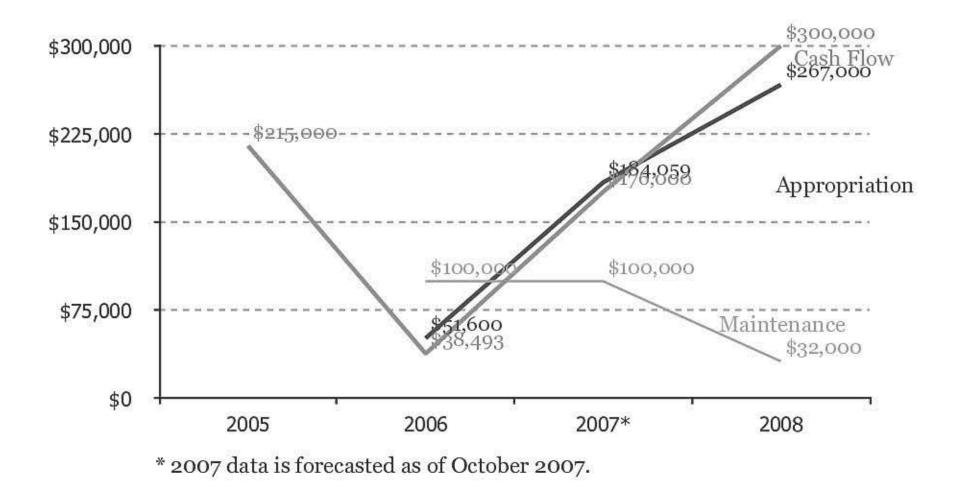
Objectives

The objective of religious education in the Church Educational System is to assist the individual, the family, and priesthood leaders in accomplishing the mission of the Church by—

- Teaching students the gospel of Jesus Christ as found in the standard works and the words of the prophets.
- Teaching students by precept and example so they will be encouraged, assisted, and protected as they strive to live the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Providing a spiritual and social climate where students can associate together.
- Preparing young people for effective Church service.

Use more shared Church services.

Financial Projections



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Major Work Planned for 2008

Department	Description	Key Results
Church Education System	WISE – Authentication and Data Access Interfaces	 Continued deployment of the WISE product to institutes throughout the world.
		 WISE will be expanded to include seminaries
		 Authentication for parent and guardians may be included as part of this project
	Decision Support System Version 4	 Addition of Key Indicators and historical data of many types
		 Redesign of the security approach for DSS to utilize PeopleSoft role management and the conversion to LDS Account
		 Addition of new charts and graphs and the addition of new graphing options (e.g., percentages and numbers, line graphs and bar graphs)
		 Change how stakes are associated with a program throughout the system (this relationship will no longer be dependent on enrollment data but rather on new assignment data coming from Aster-web)
		 Addition of monthly enrollment & attendance data (at the student level) with graphs and charts at the program and stake levels and with drill to individual students
		 Addition of an FTE analysis capability at the world, domestic/international, and area levels
		 Addition of new reports (e.g., personnel lists for Area and Central Office use)
	PeopleSoft Integration	 Continue to integrate all international Employees and Non-employees into PeopleSoft to support placement and consistent processes.
	Federated Logins	 CES staff and students are currently required to remember various user names and passwords to access CES and Church applications.
		 Projects will be encouraged and supported that drives the technology community to a same sign on solution through the integration with LDS Account
	Continue to support and integrate CCN	 Continue to provide remaining CES sites with broadband connectivity and make available to students as appropriate
		 Broadband Internet connections for all of the Pacific Middle Schools. (There are about six schools that this will serve.)
	Distance Learning	 Support projects that facilitate distance learning by allow the teacher communicate daily with seminary students

2007 Review

2007 Portfolio Objectives

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Performance Against Objectives

- The process to consolidate the TSR responsibilities is continuing. This will streamline IT resolutions allowing resources to be focused on working with students and providing them with a quality CES experience.
- Permanent data connectivity has been established between the BYU data systems and CPC Provo.
- Authentication processes for WISE has been implemented through LDS Account. The user experience was difficult with the initial rollout and caused some delay in additional rollouts. Most of the issues have been resolved and authentication using LDS Account will be rolled to additional areas.
- Work continued in '07 on the Decision Support System (DSS). DSS version 3 was released during the year with a version 4 well into the planning phase.
- The addition of a comprehensive website search to LDSCES.org has allowed users to more easily find content that helps them to understand the gospel and its precepts.
- Significant progress has been made integrating CES with PeopleSoft HR.

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