Staff Update

Open Education Resources

One Laptop Per Child (OLPC)

- Cost is now $188.
- Plans (Nov. 12th) "give one, get one" program for holiday season…pay $400 and second laptop is sent to a developing country.
- Focus is currently on developing countries, not US educational system.
- Intel's Classmate PC and the Asus Eee are similar projects, no firm pricing plans but in range of OLPC.
- Wal-Mart is among the retailers now carrying a new $298 home PC from Everex featuring OpenOffice productivity software.

State OER legislation: Utah

- Extremely limited, focus on higher education
- Utah: $200,000 appropriation to Utah State University to support OpenCourseWare program
  - Provide free, searchable, access to course materials for educators, students, and self-learners around the world.
  - Catalyze the growth of communities of learners.
  - Extend the reach and impact of the "opencourseware" concept.
  - Based on MIT OpenCourseWare Program

State OER legislation: California

- Authorizes (funding dependent) a competitive grant pilot program to provide faculty and staff from community college districts around the state with the information and methods to establish open education resources centers.

- Requires contract with an independent 3rd party with expertise in this subject matter to evaluate the pilot project and submit the evaluation to the Legislature no later than two years after the pilot program is implemented.

State OER Initiatives: California

- California Open Source Textbook Project
- Public/Private partnership with Wikipedia
  - http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/COSTP_World_History_Project
- Pilot program used as proof-of-concept project…'educating education officials'

Questions?

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