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**CharlesM:** I was looking at the contributions to the SAFE\_T room of a member named Sarath

**CharlesM:** He's from Sri Lanka, studying in the US; great ideas!

**SusanR:** I am reading your November transcript.

**CharlesM** nods

**SusanR:** I have met him online.

**SusanR:** Quite enthusiastic about Tapped In!

**CharlesM:** I think he may be doing an EdD on the East Coast

**SusanR:** EdD??

**CharlesM:** doctorate in education

**SusanR:** I see.

**SusanR:** I wonder if many people are doing their Christmas shopping today.

**SusanR:** May be a quiet evening in the ASO.

**CharlesM:** Hmm., sounds very likely.

**CharlesM:** I am at my computer because I am finishing a final project for a class.

**CharlesM:** (I would love to talk to folks, but will not feel TOO bad as I have lots to do).

**CharlesM:** Do you work for SRI?

**SusanR:** You can save the session for January. Repeat it then. I did that for one of my K to 3 GREAT Resources sessions.

**CharlesM** nods

**SusanR:** I generally do the K to 3+ sessions in the Comfy Conference Room...

**SusanR:** It's geared to preservice teachers...

**CharlesM:** I was wondering if it would be appropriate to change the regular venue of mine to the SAFE\_T room, as that is where I have all of my resources

**SusanR:** I don't see why not.

**CharlesM:** Or would that be too difficult for new folk to find?

**SusanR:** No!

**CharlesM:** Perhaps in January then

**SusanR:** Or start the session in the ASO..and then move to SAFE\_T room.

**CharlesM** nods "Even better.

**SusanR:** However, you do have access to all your notes, files, inks and notes from the ASO....just click on the ORANGE ME tab

**CharlesM** attempts this

**CharlesM:** That's great. I was thinking of the discussion threads in the SAFE\_T room, but I can see how I can use this. Thanks!

**SusanR** searches for the Safe\_T room

**SusanR** left the room.

**SusanR** joined the room.

**CharlesM:** You joined

**CharlesM:** Welcome

**SusanR:** Yes, I did! Interesting ideas! I was an Educational Technology Integrator in 1999. I had to work with administrators, teachers and students!

**SusanR:** The program was experimental at that time.

**CharlesM:** What did you do with the different groups?

**SusanR:** It was a six month term. I was given 6 schools. I met with the administrators, was given a focus and worked from there.

**CharlesM:** Did the site admin pick the focus?

**SusanR:** Yes! Each site had their own vision or focus. However, teachers had their own focus

**SusanR:** It has been fine tuned over the years.

**CharlesM:** Good; I assume a group of faculty chose together? What kind of focuses (foci?)

**SusanR:** I did a lot of report card training. We were implementing new electronic report cards.

**CharlesM** nods

**CharlesM:** (I have a new online version to present to our staff soon).

**SusanR:** and training to use our online (FirstClass system)

**CharlesM:** of grading, that is

**CharlesM:** FirstClass? Who makes it?

**SusanR:** That's our online communication system.

**CharlesM** nods

**SusanR:** <http://www.softarc.com/>

**SusanR** left the room.

**CharlesM:** We are working with a company called Blackboard that will integrate our student info software with their webware

**SusanR** joined the room.

**CharlesM:** Do you know Blackboard?

**SusanR:** Yes, slightly. Our secondary teachers are using it.

**CharlesM:** Yeah, I think it is mainly for secondary. I'm an AP at a high school

**SusanR:** You may be interested in our Teacher Resource page...[http://www.ocdsb.edu.on.ca/Teacher\\_Res/](http://www.ocdsb.edu.on.ca/Teacher_Res/)

**SusanR:** The Tech Integrators keep it current!

**CharlesM:** Wow; an excellent site! I'm very impressed.

**CharlesM:** This is your school district?

**SusanR:** Yes! We are quite proud of the site and the ETI program ...

[http://www.ocdsb.edu.on.ca/Teacher\\_Res/techres/eti/eindex.htm](http://www.ocdsb.edu.on.ca/Teacher_Res/techres/eti/eindex.htm)

**CharlesM:** You all have every right to be proud. How many students in the district?

**SusanR:** Not sure; but it is serviced by about 20 or so Tech Integrators and 5 or so consultants with support from OCRI (Ottawa Centre of Research and Innovation)

**CharlesM** nods

**SusanR:** ..and schoolnet

**SusanR:** What is your district's profile at the elementary level in terms of tech integration?

**CharlesM:** I work for Palo Alto Schools in No. California @ 30,000 students and next door to Stanford, but am envious of your tech program

**CharlesM:** The tech integration is somewhat spotty...

**CharlesM:** At the elem. level the last big initiative was called Challenge 200 (ending in that year)...

**CharlesM:** I was a secondary Tech learning Coord, but got to work on a team that included elem. teachers

**SusanR:** What was tech integration like at the elementary level?

**CharlesM:** We got quite a good start on curricular integration in the mid 90s, then funding dried up @ 1998

**SusanR:** Our staff development and training money has dried up.

**CharlesM:** It was lead by some very creative people that were able to combine content and multimedia/exchange projects etc.

**CharlesM:** (us too, at both sec and elem)

**CharlesM:** The project we were running was to look at student performance when augmented by tech integration (specifically multimedia) and alternative assessment methodology.

**CharlesM:** SRI did the measurement and produced a report showing a corollary between achievement and tech integration. But Stanford was very unimpressed and continues to say that there is no connection.

**CharlesM** sighs

**SusanR** sympathizes

**CharlesM:** Ah, well. This is somewhat still early days, as research goes. There will be more work and research.

**CharlesM:** Speaking of work, would you mind if I dug into my paper and ended a bit early?

**SusanR:** No, I was just thinking of the planning I have to do for tomorrow.

**SusanR:** Would you want to repeat this session in January?

**CharlesM:** Thanks; it was very nice of you to hang in there; I'm sure that it was the Christmas shopping. I would indeed like to do the January with the same info.

**CharlesM:** Would you convey that to BJ?

**SusanR:** I will send Bjb the info. It was a pleasant discussion.

**SusanR:** Talk to you soon.

**CharlesM:** I appreciated your resources and the chat! Thanks again!

**CharlesM** waves bye