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## **Inver Grove Heights Community Schools sets date for second annual Student Led Technology Conference for February 25**



Inver Grove Heights Community Schools second annual **Student Led Technology Conference** will be held from **8:30 a.m. - noon** on **Saturday, February 25** at Inver Grove Heights Middle School.

Connecting, collaborating and going mobile with technology can motivate students and drive them to reach their full potential while preparing them for the challenges they will encounter both in the classroom and in life. Inver Grove teachers conducting action-research projects recognized that technology not only engaged their students, but it also empowered them. This observation inspired an innovative idea within District 199.

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Last year Superintendent Dr. Deirdre Wells encouraged staff to select students to participate in a **technology conference for adults, led by the students**. This concept offered students the opportunity to share their technological expertise with adults in the community so that all could benefit from the experience. It would connect the community to the district and put students' talents on display. The conference gave residents an inside look at a 21st century classroom. To most, this was far different from the classroom where they had grown up.

The inaugural Inver Grove Heights Community Schools' Student Led Technology Conference was a success with approximately 40 students in grades K-12 teaching adults how to accomplish tasks, manage and produce content in the cloud, and produce multimedia projects using iPads, iPods and other devices and software programs.

The Student Led Technology Conference attracted national attention. The Consortium of School Networking (CoSN) invited District 199 to participate in a cadre comprised of leading-edge school districts. Inver Grove Heights Community Schools was one of 13 districts across the nation selected to share practices being used to promote innovation and collaboration within the organization.

Digital media has been at the forefront of many district objectives during the last few years. In these tough economic times, District 199 has focused on finding resources to provide students with technology tools and access to programs that will allow them to develop their 21st Century skills.

For more information on the Inver Grove Heights Community Schools Student Led Technology Conference visit [www.isd199.weebly.com](http://www.isd199.weebly.com) .

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