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Sent time: Tuesday, October 25, 2011 9:03:38 AM
To: dfinn@excelined.org; patricia@excelined.org; jyoung@flvs.net; Robinson, Gerard
Cc: Abbott, Lynn
Subject: Re: Broad Foundation

Just remember that Broad might wish to cooperate and inject some funding, at least that is the impression that I got. John

In a message dated 10/25/2011 8:35:33 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, dfinn@excelined.org writes:

The challenge is creating a system that allows new learning technologies – including those that have yet to be invented – to enter the market to test their efficacy, while ensuring accountability for results. On the one hand, we want to encourage innovators like Sal Kahn – and more importantly, the next “Sal Kahn” – to develop ways to help kids learn but, on the other hand, provide a level of assurance that these new tools are indeed helpful. It is a balance, for sure. Attached is a white paper by Rick Hess on the subject.

The good news is that school districts around the country are trying out these new technologies. Our goal is to identify the ones that are working (and the ones that are not) and share their results nationally so school administrators, principals, teachers and parents can become more informed consumers.

From: Johnpadget@aol.com [mailto:Johnpadget@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2011 2:54 PM
To: Patricia Levesque (patricia@excelined.org); Gerard.Robinson@fldoe.org; jyoung@flvs.net
Cc: Lynn.Abbott@fldoe.org; Deirdre Finn (dfinn@excelined.org)
Subject: Re: Broad Foundation

Patricia,

This is excellent. I have nothing special to contribute to this conversation, only that Broad--and I--are concerned that parents and teachers are going to buy a lot of "stuff" and a lot of it will be unproven--based on results--and likely worthless.

John

In a message dated 10/24/2011 1:32:30 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, patricia@excelined.org writes:

Let me loop Deirdre Finn into the conversation, John. You may want to touch base with her re: plans our Foundation is pursuing in the same area.

Patricia

From: Robinson, Gerard [mailto:Gerard.Robinson@fldoe.org]
Sent: Saturday, October 15, 2011 1:15 PM
To: jyoung@flvs.net; johnpadget@aol.com
Cc: Abbott, Lynn; Patricia Levesque (patricia@afloridapromise.org)
Subject: Re: Broad Foundation

Florida is a member of SREB and as a member we get certain benefits like research. I know the president of inacol (virgina resident).

Julie, I will touch base with you.

From: Young, Julie [mailto:jyoung@flvs.net]
Sent: Saturday, October 15, 2011 10:24 AM
To: Robinson, Gerard; Padget, John
Cc: Abbott, Lynn; patricia@afloridapromise.org <patricia@afloridapromise.org>
Subject: RE: Broad Foundation

Hi John and Gerard,

We would be very interested. There are a variety of models being used to evaluate content throughout the country. iNACOL/SREB have an evaluation tool (process and paper) which many states use to determine their purchases. We use the same tools to evaluate our content as we develop. None of this is automated and digital content and virtual course content are cousins but are not the same. Let's dig into!

It was great to see you both this week.

Julie

From: Robinson, Gerard [mailto:Gerard.Robinson@fldoe.org]
Sent: Saturday, October 15, 2011 9:13 AM
To: johnpadget@aol.com; Young, Julie
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Subject: Re: Broad Foundation

Hi john. Will look into this.
Gerard

From: Johnpadget@aol.com [mailto:Johnpadget@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2011 07:59 PM
To: Robinson, Gerard; jyoung@flvs.net <jyoung@flvs.net>
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Subject: Broad Foundation

Gerard and Julie,

My last conference lunch partner was Gregory McGinity with the Broad Foundation. One of his concerns is to develop evaluation tools for all the digital stuff that will come to market now and in the near future.

Especially as vouchers are permitted, what will parents buy? We need a kind of "Consumer's Reports" that rank stuff according to student outcomes.

Gerard and Julie, can we get started---with Broad help---and do a project to evaluate some of the digital offerings?

John

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