

## Aaron Barnett



Aaron was elected to serve on the CITE Board at the 2009 Annual Conference and began his service in January 2010 through 2017. He served in various capacities including president of the organization. Aaron was instrumental enhancing CITE's goal of being the recognized authority supporting educational technologists in California and beyond.

Aaron's passion was enabling the capacity of others and he enacted that passion with focus, great ideas, and his great sense of humor. He served on the steering committee of CITE's signature CTO Mentor Program that provides core training for technology leaders who complete a rigorous eleven-month certification program. Aaron also served as an instructor in this program, creating the Cybersecurity course that has now been expanded to a full-day course,

and was a mentor assigned to support individual candidates as well. Aaron was a key leader with California's TAPD (Technical Assistance and Professional Development) program, developing a live cybersecurity boot camp where his infectious enthusiasm for protecting districts was a major draw for attendees. In addition, he created the framework for the current TAPD Cybersecurity online course which is still in operation.

Aaron joined the Moreno Valley Unified School District in 1998 coming on board Information Systems/Technology as the first Systems Administrator. Within 2 years he was appointed as Director of Information Systems/Technology and began building the team from 6 employees to its present 27 member team. He always made his top priority creating the best possible network environment to benefit the students of Moreno Valley.

His commitment to providing the best services for students included implementing a new state-of-the-art wireless network across all school sites, placing a technology device with each student and building a modern data center with backup services at the District office.

He developed the resources which include a dynamic, online, video-based professional learning curriculum. In 2016 he demonstrated several bootcamps in different cities in Southern and Northern California like San Diego, Fresno, Redwood

City, Oakland, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Cupertino, Sacramento, Irvine, Costa Mesa and many more.

He was also involved with the community, including membership with Rotary, Chamber of Commerce and the Optimists Club. He also served in leadership roles with CASBO.



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He obtained degrees and several technology certifications including Black Hat Certification and most prestigious Cyber Security Certification, CISSP during his service at MVUSD. As a leader and mentor, he encouraged staff and students to continue their education and professional growth. He was a good listener, slow to speak and eager to understand others, a pillar of integrity, and had a bright cheerful spirit. His energy level was always high and his approach to any challenge was always impressive.