

Barbara Allen
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Barbara Allen is currently the director of Project LemonLINK, a federal Technology Innovation Challenge Grant (1997) and a California Literacy Challenge Grant (1997) program, totaling over 5 million dollars. She is responsible for implementing the instructional technology initiatives within the school district and providing leadership for the development of the K-8 instructional technology curriculum and the integration of technology across all curriculum areas. Additionally, she provides district-wide support and technology training for all teachers within the district. A key player in the development of Lemon Grove's "Connected Learning Community," she has a strong role in the collaboration of education, government and business partnerships. Barbara also has over twenty-five years of experience as an educator. She has been a teacher and school principal with expertise in technology. Her middle school served as a model to teachers and administrators from all over the state, hosting visitations for others to see technology integrated into the curriculum and learn how to do long term planning to meet large goals with minimal resources. Presenting at major conferences throughout the country, she assists others in building a connected learning community, integrating technology into instruction and building strong staff development components. Recently, Mrs. Allen, along with Mr. LaGace, was a key presenter at the Microsoft Summit in Redmond, Washington as well as featured by Microsoft in their April 1999 national teleconference on K-12 Education Solutions – Increasing Collaboration in Education. In May 1999, she and Mr. LaGace presented the technology vision at the National Governors' Association Conference in San Francisco. Project LemonLINK has been the recipient of Ohana Foundation Leadership in Educational Technology Award (July 2000), the National School Board Journal's Magna 2000 Award (April 2000); American Assoc. of Superintendents' Promising Practices Award (March 2000) and Business Week's Smart Links Award (May 1999).