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As Director of Information Systems for the Lemon Grove School District, Mr. LaGace is the designer and engineer of the District wireless Wide Area Network (WAN). His vision and expertise made the microwave technology, which is the backbone of the network infrastructure, possible. Beyond the significant work he has done in creating and maintaining the sophisticated District network, he has provided leadership at the county and state level. He is constantly sought out by districts to provide guidance in network design and hiring. He regularly provides presentations and workshops for school districts around the state on network design and installation, hardware selections and implementation concerns. As president of the California Educational Data Processing Association, he has provided leadership in communications technology throughout the state. Mr. LaGace has presented at major conferences nationwide on the "Connected Learning Community" including presentations at the Microsoft Summit in Redmond, Washington as well as Microsoft's national teleconference on K-12 Education Solutions. Establishing and maintaining government and industry partnerships has been a critical element in the success of the community network. Mr. LaGace understands the concept of working partnerships and how efforts and ideas scaffold to produce outstanding results. Last spring, Mr. LaGace and Project LemonLINK were recipients of the Smithsonian Computerworld Award (April 2000) for innovative educational technology. Most recently, Mr. LaGace received the Civic Excellence Award for his work in K-12 Education Reform through LemonLINK.