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COVID Education Innovation in Florida

Tech Tuesdays (Brevard County)

To support teachers in adapting to new technologies and all aspects of virtual and hybrid learning, a third grade teacher created Tech Tuesdays, a voluntary virtual meeting to help address the needs of teachers at her school. During these meetings, teachers came with their tech problems, and a solution-oriented round table was held. Teachers sometimes brought ideas of what worked for them and new tech tools were introduced to help make virtual learning better in many ways.

Teachers really needed a lifeline and one of the things that helped them cope with the pandemic was help from peers. Tech Tuesdays helped teachers plan out what technology to use, how to engage learners and what technology to ask for and fundraise. This also saved the school money because some teachers thought that they needed a certain technology when they actually didn't.

Although these meetings have been scaled back because the need for initial problem solving has declined and teachers are more confident in teaching online learning, this teacher continues to make weekly trips to different classrooms on request to help teachers with varying technologies and assist the school technology specialist regularly. A Google Classroom site was created that migrated to a district-wide site to help teachers outside of the school, both elementary and secondary.

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We believe strong collaboration is essential to ensure school success. Our effort to capture, elevate and share education innovations discovered amid the disruption of the pandemic is offered in that spirit.

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