**Information Technology Governance Renewal**

**at KCCD**

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This document provides a brief overview of the renewal of Information Technology (IT) governance at the Kern Community College District (“KCCD”).

Information Technology (IT) has been identified as a critical enabler of KCCD’s current and future success. There is a growing imbalance between demand on and supply of IT resources and budgets at KCCD – underlining the need for a more effective process of prioritizing IT projects and investments across KCCD to ensure that highest needs can be addressed.

A governance process will provide an environment where planning, investment and priority setting is transparent and coordinated. In doing so, we can bring IT into a district-wide view – supported by clear governance processes, policies, mandates and district-wide perspectives on IT strategy, priorities and associated investments.

In this regard, the scope of IT governance is district-wide and extends across the IT function – including and beyond the Information Technology (IT) department.

A central committee will engage senior-level leaders, faculty, and staff constituencies from across KCCD in providing recommendations and advice to the CIO on IT strategies and investment proposals. All technology related plans, projects and priorities across KCCD would fall within the mandate of the District’s central technology committee.

The central committee will be made up of representatives from across the district. Three appointed from each college (by the college), a District representative, and the CIO. Each college will formulate their own process to submit prioritized technology projects to the central committee for district wide considerations.

Sub-committees will be used to provide recommendations on services, programs, security, policies and procedures on specific topics that will support the district. Sub-committees are ongoing groups that are responsible for specific issues and recommendations in certain areas of responsibility or of interest to the District.

Proposals for projects are prepared, submitted and evaluated based on core assumptions to include transparency, business needs, mandates, resources, security, and funding.

The IT technology review process contains five key phases governing the life-cycle of a proposal from generation to approval as a project: Submission Process, College Evaluation Process, Central Committee Evaluation Process, Technology Plan Approval Process, and Project Reporting Process.

Next steps will include consultations with our district community and rollout of the governance model in order to create an environment in which Technology will meet the needs of KCCD’s students, faculty, and staff.