# Adaptive Success Factors

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### ICT in Education context

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# **Changing ICT in Education Context**

- Key changes
  - Early 1990: Appearance of Internet
  - Early 2000s: Web 2.0 tools
  - Late 2000s: Web 3.0 tools data collection & analytics
- Use of ICT in education
  - Efficiency: Productivity gain, no real change in T&L
  - Transformative: Pedagogy-driven, potential for deepened learning
  - 'Connectedness': Social-, community-driven, uncertain learning outcomes

### Impact of Changing Context

- From many students to one institution to many-to-many relationships
  - Sources of Values, Skills & Knowledge expanded considerably
- Teachers no longer in full (or nearly-full) control of learning outcomes
  - Particularly in connected era
- Certification
  - What constitute an education certificate?
- Need for attitudinal & pedagogical responses from educators
  - Eg. increasingly important to achieve 'balance of perspectives'

### ICT Masterplan in Education

### Why?

- Part of overall IT plans for Singapore
- Strengthen human and physical infrastructure
- Key principles
  - Pedagogy-led developments
  - Whole-of-system transformation (policy-makers, school leaders, teachers & researchers)
  - Scaling of 'kernel', enhance local capacity
  - Alignment of policies (economics, manpower & education)

### Singapore's ICT Masterplan Journey

- mp1 Building the foundation (1997 2002)
  - Uneven use of ICT
  - Build-up of physical and human infrastructure
- mp2 Seeding Innovation (2003 2008)
  - Start of greater school autonomy
  - Build-up of structures to push innovation (eg. Future schools)
- mp3 Strengthening and Scaling (2009 2014)
  - Emergence of good practices
  - Ideas-to-practice framework to scale practices

### A closer look at mp3

- Integrate within curriculum framework (C2015 Strong Fundamentals, Future Learnings)
- 'Culture-building'
  - Deepen ground understanding and expertise
  - Transform 'way of thinking'
- Incorporate <u>21st Century Competencies</u>
- Embrace '<u>cyber wellness</u>'
- Tracking of progress evaluation studies

### From Ideas to Practice



- mp3 is a focus on bringing about effective pedagogical practices on the ground.
  - What are the support, activities, resources, incentives etc needed?

### From Ideas to Practice



### Ideas Generation & Translation



### Spreading of Practice to System



### Scaling – Not duplication

Practice can differ depending on context, but same 'kernel'.



### Support Structure for Scaling



### Singapore: Adaptive Success Factors

- 3 points to bear in mind
  - 'Success' factors are intertwined similar to interdependence of policies
  - Policies for each factor need to adapt to changing context
  - These factors permeate throughout the 3 ICT masterplans for Education
- Five key 'success' factors
  - <u>'Human' infrastructure</u>
  - Ideas generation
  - Ideas interactions & translation
  - Support structures
  - Physical infrastructure

# **Concluding Remarks**

- Centralised planning/support plus ground exercising of judgement
- Need to re-examine framing of learning pathways
  - Life-long engagements
  - Diverse sources of VSK
- Given 'connectedness' era
  - Develop mindset for evidence-based discourse
- ICT in education
  - 'transfer' vs 'deepening'
  - Gain some, lose some need to know if we can afford the loss

# Lock-step development in Education, Manpower and Economic Policies



### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills Framework



### **MOE's Cyber Wellness Framework**



#### Syllabus document:

http://www.moe.gov.sg/education/syllabuses/character-citizenshipeducation/files/2014-cyber-wellness.pdf

### MOE's Cyber Wellness Framework

- 2 principles, 3 ideas & 4 themes
- Principles
  - Respect for self and others
  - Safe & responsible use
- Ideas & themes
  - Identity (a) healthy self identity; and (b) balanced life & balanced use
  - Relationship safe & meaningful
  - Choices Positive presence

# R&D in Institutes of Higher Learning

- Funding for universities and polytechnics aimed at promoting innovations in the use of ICT for Teaching & Learning.
  - Develop/Customise technologies
  - Pedagogically sound use of existing technologies
  - Test-bedding in schools
- Selected research areas:
  - Mobile learning
  - Augmented reality
  - Learning analytics
  - Knowledge-building

# EduLab: Capturing Ground Practices

#### Features

- Start from tested ideas in small scale context, eg. one classroom
- Provide pedagogical & resource support to extend ideas to larger context, eg. whole level/school or several schools

#### Typical model

- 2 yr, small scale
- Involve up to 5 schools per idea
- Collaborate with IHLs and Industries where applicable
- Expected Outcomes
  - Pedagogical principles
  - Lesson packages
  - Applications & tools where possible

# FutureSchool Programme

- Space to explore cutting-edge use of ICT for Teaching & Learning
- Characteristics
  - Headquarter (HQ)-guided school-wide innovations
  - School-IHL-Industry collaboration supported by HQ
  - Typical duration 5 years

#### Outcomes

- Automated essay-marking
- Augmented learning trails
- Key conduit for scaling

# **Propel-T**

- Small, HQ-led experimentation based on emerging & anticipated trends
  - Complement school-based efforts
  - Setting direction at system level
- 3 focal areas:
  - 1:1 computing: social-constructivist approach to co-design lessons with 1:1 computing environment
  - AfL: Apply Assessment for Learning principles in using automated marking tools
  - CSCL: Use of Wiki & Knowledge Forum for T&L

### **ICT** Mentor Programme

4 Mentors: 1 School

**ICT Mentor Basic Course** 

- Design ICT facilitated SDL & CoL Lesson
- Coaching

#### ICT Mentor Subject Based Communities

Deepen ICT-pedagogy in subject disciplines

### School Leaders' Programme

- Strengthen capability to incorporate ICT in education
- Peer-led/facilitated seminars & workshops
  - Sharing of practices
  - Demonstration of practices
  - Experience actual T&L interactions using ICT
- Learning journeys
  - Deep engagement in actual practice
- Lectures & seminars by thought-leaders

# ICT Connection

- Channel of communications for mp3
- Illustrate meaningful use of ICT for Self-Directed and Collaborative Learning
- Co-creation of 'lesson packages'
  - HQ works with school teachers
  - Greater ownership
  - Packages are used in actual teaching and learning
- Sharing & adaptation of 'lesson packages'

### Success Factor – Human Infrastructure

#### mp1

- Focus on ICT skills
- Trained via centralised 'train-the-trainers' model
- Paid PD for teachers
- **mp**2
  - School-based ICT planning
  - Baseline ICT standards
  - ICT exposure for school leaders
- **mp**3
  - School leaders' programme
  - Subject chapters for teachers
  - ICT Professional development framework

### Success Factor – Ideas Generation

### mp1

- Institutional R&D
- Centralised purchase & development of resources
- mp2
  - 'Lead' ICT schools to encourage grounds-up practices
  - Increased funding for R&D
  - Industrial involvement in ideas generation/development
- **mp**3
  - EduLab, FutureSchools
  - School-based R&D
  - Propel-T

# Success Factor - Ideas Interactions & Translation

- mp1
  - Basic sharing large proportion centrally organised
- mp2
  - Sharing structures WeShare, iShare
  - International conferences
- **mp**3
  - EduLab, FutureSchools, ICT Connection
  - Academy of Singapore Teachers network
  - Community of practice, school cluster sharing
  - Monographs, school-based publications

### Success Factor – Support Structures

### mp1

- EduMall centrally procured/developed software & resources
- Syllabus reduction (up to 30% for each discipline)
- mp2
  - School autonomy devolved ICT funds
  - Cluster Educational Technology Officers to support schools
  - By(i)tes 2.0 tool for self-evaluation

### **mp**3

- 4 ICT mentors per school
- ICT in curriculum; Frameworks eg. 21<sup>st</sup> CC, cyberwellness

# Success Factor – Physical Infrastructure

### mp1

- Computer labs in schools
- Basic broadband
- mp2
  - School choose Learning Management System
  - Wireless network

### **m**p3

- Pedagogy-led development
- ICT grant
- Enhanced broadband schools can add further bandwidth if justified



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