

Just-in-time Training Offers Flexibility for Teachers & Trainers at Renton School District

In this fast-paced world we live in today, the one thing we all wish for is more time. Time for work. Time for play. Time. Time. Time.

Brooke Trisler, Director of Instructional Technology at Renton School District in Washington, and his team of three staff training facilitators came face-to-face with the time challenge when budget and staffing cuts eventually tasked them with supporting over 1,200 staff in 23 schools throughout the district. As a starting point, the Instructional Technology Department of Renton went to the source and asked teachers and staff what they wanted—and needed—from the district's technology training program.

The response? Teachers wanted to be empowered. They wanted training at their convenience; they wanted to be able to access it outside of school and on their time. The desire for just-in-time training quickly became evident.

For Renton, the solution was Atomic Learning, a complete online training and professional development solution offering on-demand training on over 205 of education's most commonly used applications.

When asked about the progress of training since implementing the on-demand solution, Trisler stated "It's been tremendous. Teachers have a personal life as well, they have families, they can't stay after school, they can't come before school, so Atomic Learning was a perfect fit."

Since implementing the online professional development solution, Trisler has seen incredible success. He can quickly run reports and consistently provides staff with updates, reminding them that time spent reviewing Atomic Learning tutorials can be applied towards their technology professional development. "When it came to the end of the school year, I reminded teachers in various communications that if they were looking for a quick, easy way to access technology professional development, [you] should use Atomic Learning." These helpful reminders created a front-of-mind awareness that paid-off. The staff was learning on their own, improving their technology literacy and saving valuable support time for Renton's Instructional Technology staff to provide face-to-face professional development with staff

In addition to empowering the staff, the students were also impacted by Atomic Learning. "We let (student) instruction drive our district and what we provide," stated Trisler. With Atomic Learning, teachers are able to spend more time with their students vs. using excess amounts of time for professional development training. "We're addressing our students' needs and trying to keep teachers in the classroom," Trisler said.

Atomic Learning's just-in-time training allows teachers to see the relevance of technology, while extending their existing skills. At schools all over the world, it has become a resource that is readily available and is up-to-date with content that is necessary for the teachers to succeed in the classroom. Trisler stated, "Teachers have very limited time. In Atomic Learning, within a couple seconds, you have what you need."

Staff members at Renton seek a prompt, easy solution to "How do I do this?" and they can find that very quickly using the Atomic Learning search tool. "Teachers really respect a product that is considerate of their time." Trisler shared.

On-demand tutorials from Atomic Learning are the answer for Renton's training and teaching staff. In a short time the district implemented Atomic Learning to overwhelming response, saving everyone's time, money and energy.

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Problem: Lack of time due to budget and staffing cuts

Solution: Empower teachers with just-in-time training and professional development

Outcome: Improved staff tech literacy



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