



New Tech Network

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Executive leadership



Lydia Dobyns

President

Lydia has combined careers as a technology entrepreneur and executive with education policy and non-profit service. She served two terms as a school board member, led an education foundation and directed replication strategies in the education sector. As President of [New Tech Network](#), she oversees the organization's strategic direction, school development and operations. Among the chief initiatives for New Tech are expanding its network to 87 high [schools](#), further development of the learning management platform, [NTN Echo](#) and expansion into K-12. First introduced in Napa, California in 1996, New Tech is emerging as one of the fastest-growing approaches to transforming high school education in the U.S.

Prior to joining NTN, Lydia was the Director of Strategy and Expansion for RAFT (Resource Area for Teaching), a leading non-profit organization dedicated to transforming the

classroom experience through innovative inquiry-based learning. She was responsible for designing and implementing RAFT's first branch resource center and worked closely to support RAFT affiliate in Sacramento and opening a new RAFT in Denver. She also served as president and vice president of the Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary School board, a publicly elected position.

Lydia was the founder and former co-executive director of a non-profit education foundation dedicated to improving public schools in Los Gatos, California. Her background features work in the high technology, online services, consumer products and health care industries. Lydia's corporate career includes experience as CEO of [goodcompany.com](#), VP and General Manager for AOL and VP of Corporate Marketing for Ashton-Tate.

Rick Lear

Director of Program and Implementation

Rick joins New Tech Network as Director of Program Design and Implementation. Rick will provide valuable support with the management of coaches and professional development with New Tech trainings and events. His focus will remain with the School Development department to provide and promote service excellence.

Rick has served for ten years as the director of the Small Schools Project and the Coalition of Essential Schools Northwest, both based in Seattle. He has worked with over 150 high

schools in Washington State and across the nation on high school redesign, primarily assisting to create small, highly personalized schools that focus on excellence and equity. Over the past five years, Rick has worked extensively with district leaders as well, helping to ensure district focus and operations are aligned to support the work of redesigned high schools.

Rick is a three-time graduate of The Ohio State University, including a Ph.D. in Humanities Education.

Tim Presiado

Director of Planning

As the Director of School Planning, Tim's primary focus is to help cultivate and support new schools in the planning and implementation of the New Tech model.

In 2005, Tim joined New Tech Network as a school development coach. He coached 14 New Tech schools in California, Louisiana, Colorado, and Illinois. Recently, Tim helped 27 schools plan for implementation for the fall of the 2010 school year.

Prior to joining NTN, Tim was a founding teacher at

Sacramento New Tech High School. He taught English and Social Studies and also served as Social Studies Department Co-Chair, Lead Teacher, and New Tech Site Advocate. Working in schools as a teacher, a coach, and finally a guide for planning and start up has provided Tim with a unique opportunity to work with the New Tech model through every phase of implementation.

Tim graduated with High Honors from U.C. Berkeley in 2000 and earned a Masters of Education from U.C. Santa Barbara in 2002.