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Themistocles Sparangis has led a successful career in public education as a teacher, coordinator, and administrator with both school site and central office experience. He has also had the honor to serve as an adjunct professor in the University of Southern California's Rossier School of Education. Throughout his career he has had the strategic insight to implement enterprise-wide applications, technology programs and infrastructure projects that are critical to the education of students, support of teachers and administrators, and business efficiency. These have included the online learning program at the second largest school district in the nation (Los Angeles Unified School District – LAUSD), initial development of LAUSD's web pages for student learning and public relations, and the setup of LAUSD's first global Information Technology Help Desk, that set a higher standard for providing technology assistance to the customers.   He directed the development of the District's State approved Education Technology Plan, charting the course for instructional technology in LAUSD. The plan is critical for aligning technology to the District's strategic goals and meets the requirements for Federal and State Technology Funding (such as E-Rate, Enhancing Education Through Technology, and the K-12 Educational Technology Voucher Program) which generated more than $100 million annual revenue to LAUSD. At the request of Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, he testified before the US House of Representatives Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations on the importance of investing in technology.

He has cultivated professional relationships within LAUSD, such as Local District Offices, Board Members Offices, Administrators Organizations, Facilities Services Division, other divisions within the Chief Operating Officer, and the Office of the Chief Academic Officer, as well as strategic partnerships with external organizations such as the Los Angeles City, Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), various US Congressional Representatives, State Department of Education, California Community Colleges, California Emerging Technology Fund, Computers for Youth Foundation, Riordan Foundation, Unite LA, Education Technology Alliance for Los Angeles (ETA-LA), Career Technology Education/Linked Learning IT Council, and served on the Applications Coordinating Committee for the California K-12 High Speed Network, representing Region 11 (LACOE). He has experience in organizational change and restructuring. He designed and architected a new technology support model that was critical in changing the District's perception of technical support, by prioritizing school's technology needs and providing timely and responsive resolutions, resulting in dramatic improvement in customer relations. This successful technical support model was expanded into other District Divisions to improve customer service and relationships in support of the District's schools. Additionally, he has extensive hands-on expertise in team building, managing operations, projects, and long- and short-term planning.

His skill set includes experience in:

- Teaching
- IT Infrastructure and Application Design, Implementation and Support
- Project Management
- Strategic Planning
- Resource management

- Financial Analysis/Budgeting
- Legislative Review/Analysis
- Customer Relations
- Community Relations and IT Partnerships
- Grant Development and Implementation
- Diplomacy/Facilitation/Mediation Evaluative Educational Research

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Southern California, Rossier School of Education 2011 – Present
- Adjunct Associate Professor
  - Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)
  - Educational Leadership (EDL)
  - Organizational Change and Leadership Doctoral (OCL)

Los Angeles Unified School District 1985 - Present
- Senior Administrator, IT Infrastructure
- Senior ERP Director, School Management Systems
- Senior Director, Information Technology/Chief Technology Director, Educational Technology
- Director, IT Customer Support Services
- Specialist/Coordinator
- Teacher Adviser - Instructional Technology
- Technology and Magnet Coordinator
- Teacher (Physical Sciences)

EMPLOYERS

- Los Angeles Unified School District., Los Angeles, CA   1985 – PRESENT
- University of Southern California, Rossier School of Education   2011 – PRESENT
- Wulf Educational Services, Los Angeles, CA   1986 – 1995
- University of Southern California, Department of Education, Los Angeles, CA   1986 – 1992

EDUCATION

- University of Southern California   Ed.D., International Education
- University of Southern California   M.S.Ed., Teacher Education
- University of California, Los Angeles   B.A., General Physics
- California State University Dominguez Hills   Administrative Credential (Tier II)
- California State University Los Angeles   Administrative Credential (Tier I)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Phi Delta Kappa U.S.C. Chapter (PDK-USC)
- Computer Using Educators (CUE)
- International Society of Technology in Education (ISTE)
- International Association for K12 Online Learning (iNACOL)
- Consortium for School Networking (CoSN)

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