

SUPER PROJECT WORLD

★ K-12 EDITION ★



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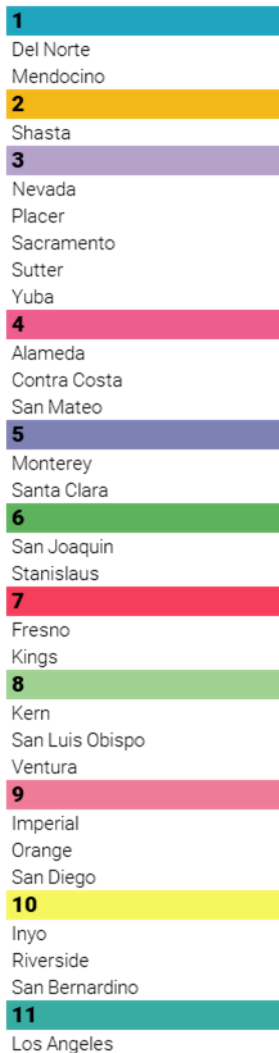
CONFERENCE FINAL REPORT



Super Project World, held on June 22-23, 2023, was San Diego County Office of Education's second annual K-12 Project Management Conference. With the involvement of numerous LEA partners and three vendor sponsors, the [Enterprise Project Management Office \(EPMO\)](#) at SDCOE designed, developed, and delivered a two-day virtual event to help San Diego County and other California K-12 I.T. departments improve the quality of their tech projects. The purpose of this report is to highlight the impacts and outcomes of this event.

Reaching San Diego County and beyond!

PARTICIPATION FROM 27 COUNTIES IN CALIFORNIA



AUDIENCE: I.T. staff from K-12 districts, charter schools, and county offices of education

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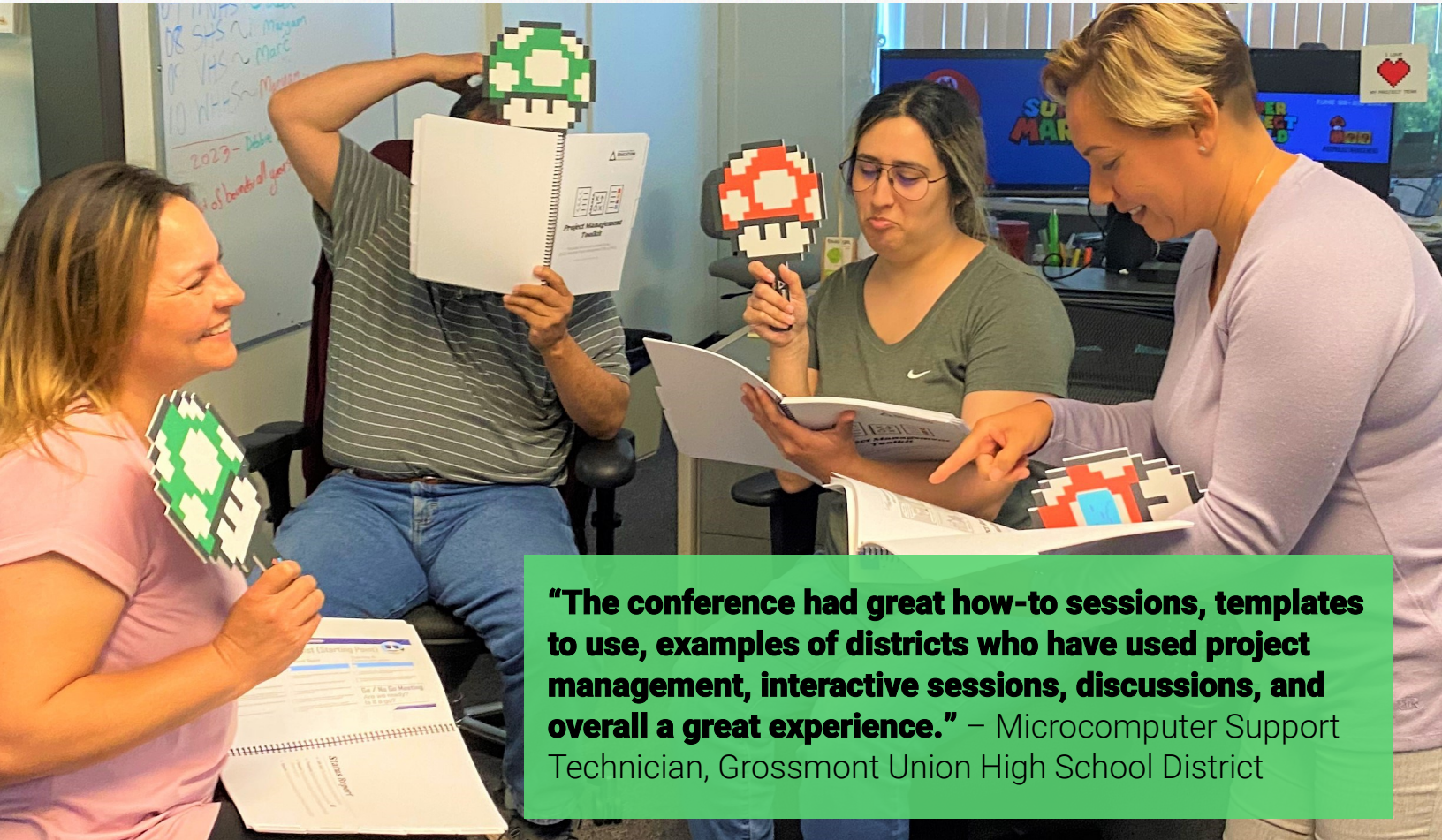
— Chief Technology Officer,
Valley Center-Pauma Unified School District

SURVEY RESULTS:

Like a Yelp review, how many stars would you rate the conference?



3.95 out of 4



"The conference had great how-to sessions, templates to use, examples of districts who have used project management, interactive sessions, discussions, and overall a great experience." – Microcomputer Support Technician, Grossmont Union High School District

THE OUTCOMES

SURVEY RESULTS:

The attendees experienced **7 key benefits** of Super Project World.

#1 Learning new content/information



Receiving refresher content/information



Meeting/networking with other K-12 IT staff



Participating in talks



Taking something back to my unit/department/division



Accessing tools/templates created by the SDCOE EPMO

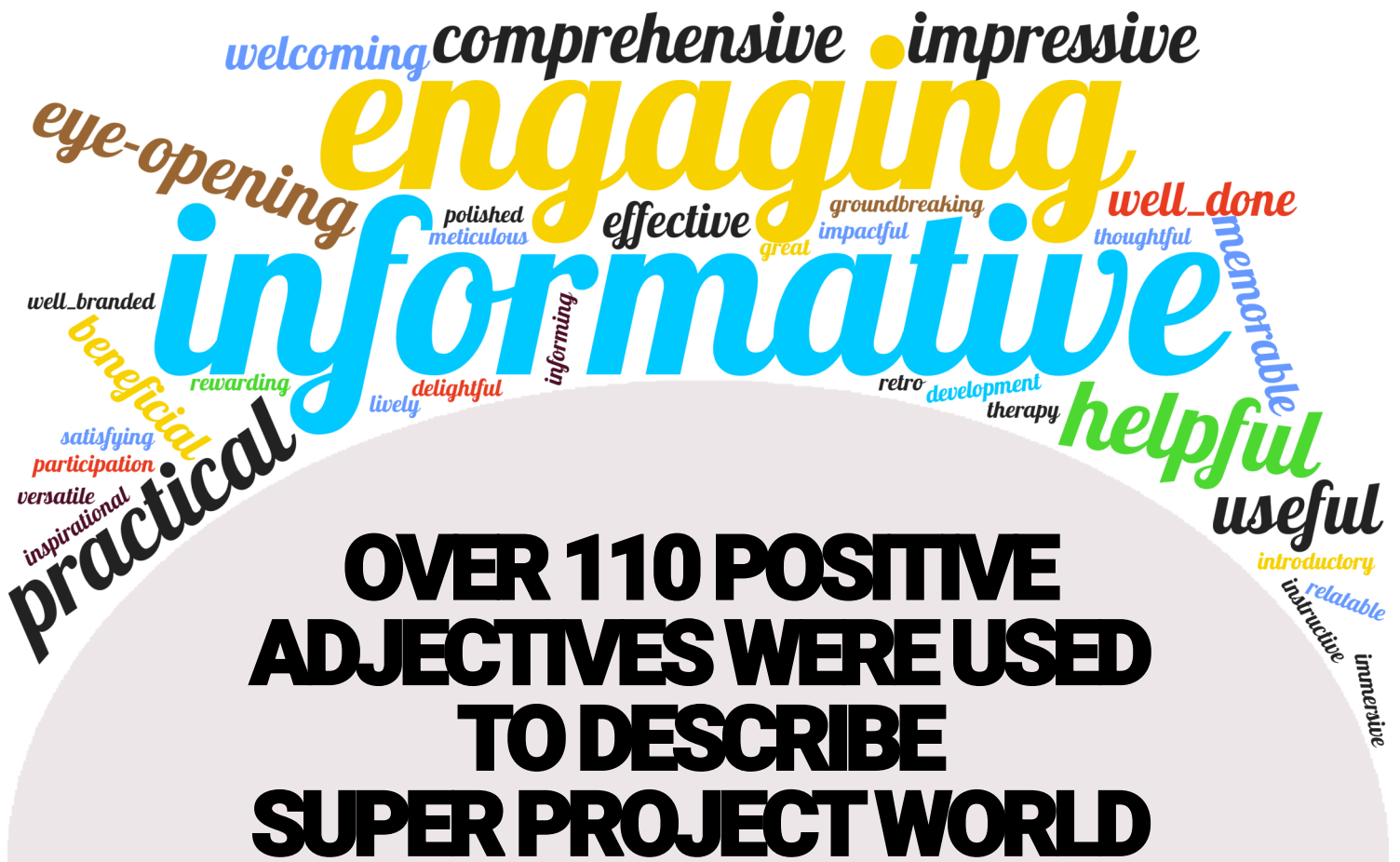
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Feeling inspired/excited about project management

#2

42 sessions total



The top descriptors were:
informative (47), **engaging** (34), **fun** (34),
inspiring (14), **organized** (13), **informational** (6),
insightful (6), **interactive** (6),
awesome (5), and **entertaining** (5).

n = 109 respondents from 57 organizations
(33% of attendees)





I felt that I took away a lot of useful information and resources to help me be more knowledgeable and better informed in terms of Project Management. I am more confident I will be an effective member of a project team, and as a participant, can hone my skills to one day lead my own project.

– **IT Systems Technician, Santee School District**

The conference provided a comprehensive range of content that covered various aspects of project management. The conference was well-organized, with smooth logistics and efficient management. The conference focused on practical application rather than just theoretical concepts.

– **System Engineer, San Marcos Unified School District**

It was a conference that had the right amount of ingredients of engagement, topics, deliverables, and ease of learning. – **Manager, Technology Infrastructure Services, Los Angeles County Office of Education**

This conference was a blast! It was fun, and I also feel like I walked away with some major gains in my project management tool belt. I hope they are all like this in the future! I LOVED THE THEME! The theme connected with me on an emotional level which made learning the subject matter easier. I felt like a kid again for a couple of days, at the same time learning something that has exponential benefits in my career. – **Lead Computer Technician, Hemet Unified School District**

Super high production value, interesting and engaging sessions, and I learned even more about project management! – **IT Coordinator, Grizzly Challenge Charter School**

The conference was engaging and had great takeaways for any level. I am brand new to projects and I appreciated the novice level of information provided. – **Multi Media Manager, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools**

The conference offered both a low level overview and a deep dive into concepts of Project Management. Some of the concepts also allowed a deeper dive and insights into other areas of IT that provided a lot of good information and new ideas. – **Director of Technology, Wasco Union High School District**

Overall the conference had a great flow and design. There were pathways for different levels of Project Management experience. I was able to make recommendations to my colleagues on what courses to take based on their experience. Between the normal sessions, and the Labs, there was plenty of opportunity to learn and collaborate. I really value the collaborative perspective this conference encouraged. Project Management is not a set in stone order of instructions. We can use shared frameworks, but overall it has been great to get feedback and absorb ideas on how others are managing their projects, and people. Overall a very informative and organized conference, I am glad to be a part of it!

– **Business Information Systems Analyst, Kern County Superintendent of Schools**

This conference was extremely well put together (it displays how good of project managers your team is), had truly insightful content in each session, was fun and interactive even while being virtual, and provided a plethora of additional resources that we have already begun using and working towards adopting. This conference was one of the most well put together conferences that I have attended! Everything ran extremely smooth, and the attention to detail by all presenters and staff was impressive. This is definitely something that I plan on attending until retirement, and look forward to bringing other staff members in my district to. Well done!

– **System Analyst, Ceres Unified School District**

The theme was amazing and I loved how each session stuck with the theme. Session leaders were insightful, used different strategies for engaging users in a video conference (which can be challenging) and provided helpful information that I can use right away!

– **Database Specialist, Irvine Unified School District**

I really like hearing stories from other districts and their stories about their challenges, how they overcame them, lessons learned, and their success stories. Also, just learning new things that I was not aware of before coming in. – **Senior Technical Support Supervisor, Shasta Union High School District**



"I selected four stars because I thought the conference was so awesome, well put together, fun. Great project management sessions."

— IT Support Supervisor,
Palo Alto Unified School District



To access the recorded sessions and handouts, please go to
<https://k12pmconference2023.sched.com> (password = epmo)

Participating Organizations

* = Speaker / Behind-the-Scenes / Planning Team

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Fillmore Unified School District

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Heber Elementary
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Escondido Union School District
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*Grossmont Union High School District
*Helix Charter High School
*King-Chavez Neighborhood of Schools
Lemon Grove School District
Mountain Empire Unified
*National School District

O'Farrell Charter Schools
Old Town Academy
Pacific Coast Academy
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*South Bay Union School District
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*Valley Center-Pauma Unified School District
Vista Unified School District

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*Apple Valley Unified School District
Colton Joint Unified School District
*San Bernardino City Unified School District
*San Bernardino County Supt of Schools
Victor Elementary

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Glendora Unified
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