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**Latest News from USAC**



**USAC Quick Links to Forms**

**Important Dates**

Lake County Superintendent's 2014 Fall Leadership Conference  
October 5, 6, 7  
Eagle Ridge Resort  
Galena, Illinois

**Quick Links to Social Media**

- [Facebook](#)
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**Message to all of our Education Professionals:**



We hope you all have had a chance to enjoy the beautiful summer weather. Many of you have been in the construction mode and have allowed the dust to settle as you begin another fantastic school year.

Net56 has also "let the dust settle" as we moved our offices from Palatine to our new home in Deer Park. Moving your data is not an easy task, but we now have successfully moved all our schools to our private Data Center. We would like you all to come visit Net56 in our secure hi-tech facility once you are settled in.

For the 2014-2015 school year, we will once again be working with school districts to utilize e-rate funding for Wi-Fi services to best fit your budget constraints and meet your needs. As always, let us know if we can be of assistance to you in any way.

Sincerely,

**Bruce Koch**  
President and CEO, Net56

**Don Robinson**  
COO, Net56

**Google Classroom**

Google Classroom is an online tool which integrates Google Drive, Docs, and Gmail in order to encourage teachers to use the



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services for assigning and collecting work online, as well as boosting communication channels for teachers and students in and outside of the classroom.

Google School allows educators to assign and collect work, view who has and has not tackled an assignment, make announcements, and create separate Drive folders for each student. In addition, in a similar way to Google+, students can post to a "stream" of content to connect with other classmates.

More teaching, Less tech-ing: Google Classroom has launched!<http://googleenterprise.blogspot.co.uk/2014/08/more-teaching-less-tech-ing-google.html>

## New Website

**Blog for useful tips**

Since the end of the school year, Net56 has also been busy creating a new user-friendly website. One of the things we added is a Blog where you can join in the conversation. We love communication!



[Visit our New Website at Net56.com](#)

Our blog gives useful tips, technology updates and what's new in the tech world.[Check it out now](#) and post your comments.

Thank you for all you do every day for your students! Here's a quote from Robert M. Hutchins we thought you would enjoy:

"It must be remembered that the purpose of education is not to fill the minds of students with facts...it is to teach them to think."

Sincerely,

The Staff at Net56



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