Following the recent Future Ready San Diego 2015 event that took place on May 9th, 2015 at the University of San Diego, all attendees were asked to complete an eight-question Qualtrics online survey. The purpose of this survey was for MTLC to develop a better understanding of attendees’ experiences at the event and their interests and needs for similar future events hosted by MTLC. Fifty-six attendees participated in the survey, which is approximately 33% of total attendees at the event. Of these 56 participants, the largest percentage work at the middle school level (36%), followed closely by 3rd – 5th grade educators (28%) (see Figure 1). In terms of the subject areas that attendees currently teach, the highest percentage teach in elementary (multiple subject) self-contained classes (31%) (see Figure 2). The subjects of English, Science, and Technology were each taught by 14% of the event attendees, while 43% of all attendees teach in the core subjects of Math, English, Science, and History.

Figure 1: The grade levels that Future Ready San Diego 2015 attendees work with

Figure 2: The subject areas that Future Ready San Diego 2015 attendees currently teach
Survey Results

Event attendees who participated in the survey were asked the extent to which they agreed or disagreed with three particular statements regarding their experiences at the event. When attendees were provided the statement “Future Ready SD 2015 was a good learning experience,” 91% agreed or strongly agreed with this statement (see Figure 3). For the statement “Future Ready SD 2015 met my needs as an educator,” 95% of survey takers agreed or strongly agreed (see Figure 4). The final statement was “Future Ready SD is an event I would attend again,” to which 68% strongly agreed and 94% agreed or strongly agreed (see Figure 5).

Survey participants were also provided a series of 27 current topics in the field of technology integration in educational settings and asked to check all of the topics that they would like to have included in future MTLC events (see Figure 6). The highest percentage of participants selected the 21st Century skills of student critical thinking (66%), student collaboration (57%), and student creativity (54%). Project-based learning (55%) and iPads (54%) were the only other topics that were selected by more than 50% of the participants. While Figure 6 provides the complete list of all topics and their percentages, Figure 7 provides a visual depiction of responses through a Wordle graphic. In Wordle graphics, the larger the word is in the display, the more times that word was selected as a response.

Survey participants were also asked two open-ended response questions. The first question focused on what attendees liked most about the event. Responses to this question were visually depicted through a Wordle in Figure 8. The most common responses were that attendees liked: “learning from other teachers,” “presenters;” “collaboration;” “breakout sessions;” the “variety” of topics; and they left with “new ideas” for their own classrooms.

The second question focused on what attendees would change about the event in the future. Responses to this question were visually depicted through a Wordle in Figure 9. The most common item to change for attendees was “nothing.” Other highly noted items to change included: more “publicity” and “promotion” to increase the size of the event; “more breaks;” “longer sessions;” making it a “full day” event; moving to a “different time of the year;” and offering more opportunities for “hands-on learning” and tutoring on the use of technology.
Figure 3: The extent to which attendees’ agree or disagree with the following survey statement: “Future Ready San Diego 2015 was a good learning experience” (n = 56)

Figure 4: The extent to which attendees’ agree or disagree with the following survey statement: “Future Ready San Diego 2015 met my needs as an educator” (n = 54)

Figure 5: The extent to which attendees’ agree or disagree with the following survey statement: “Future Ready San Diego is an event I would attend again” (n = 53)
Figure 6: Attendees’ survey responses to the question: “Which technology topics would you like to see included in future MTLC events? (check all that apply)” (n = 56)
Figure 7: Attendees’ survey responses to the question: “Which technology topics would you like to see included in future MTLC events?” (n = 56)

Figure 8: Attendees’ open-ended responses to the question: “What did you like most about the MTLC Future Ready San Diego 2015 event?” (n = 56)
Figure 9: Attendees’ open-ended responses to the question: “What changes or additions would you suggest for the next Future Ready event?” (n = 56)