

AI FYI by aiEDU

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Welcome to AI FYI – your monthly update about artificial intelligence and its impact on the classroom and your life. From important and insightful news stories to resources and events, this is your one-stop-shop for all things related to AI and education.

What's Happening in Ohio

aiEDU: Supporting AI Readiness by Empowering ESCs Across Ohio

A groundbreaking collaboration between aiEDU and The Ohio Educational Service Center Association is poised to usher in a new era for Ohio's K-12 education by integrating Artificial Intelligence (AI). Central to aiEDU's mission is the creation of a formidable network of AI educators within Ohio's Educational Service Centers (ESCs). By forging ties with four lead ESCs, strategically located in each quadrant of the state, the initiative is committed to amplifying the AI capabilities of each ESC. To achieve this, a specialized aiEDU team will be deployed in Ohio, tasked with the identification and comprehensive training of AI champions within these ESCs, with an ambitious target of training 1-2 representatives per ESC.

The initiative's cornerstone offerings encompass:

- **Professional Development:** Consistent virtual PD sessions tailored for all ESCs, complemented by monthly sessions open to all Ohio educators.
- **AI Summits:** A series of four annual AI-focused summits, co-orchestrated with the ESCs, ensuring a holistic statewide representation.
- **District Toolkit:** An invaluable resource for educators and administrators, this toolkit paves the way for AI readiness, offering insights and recommendations on AI tool deployment.
- **ESC Leader Spotlights:** A platform to showcase the pioneering efforts of ESC leaders in AI education, enriched with instructive case studies.

This visionary initiative not only aims to equip Ohio's students for an AI-driven future but also seeks to elevate Ohio to the forefront of K-12 AI education nationally. The synergistic collaboration with the lead ESCs is envisaged to set a benchmark for AI education transformation across Ohio.

Change in Action

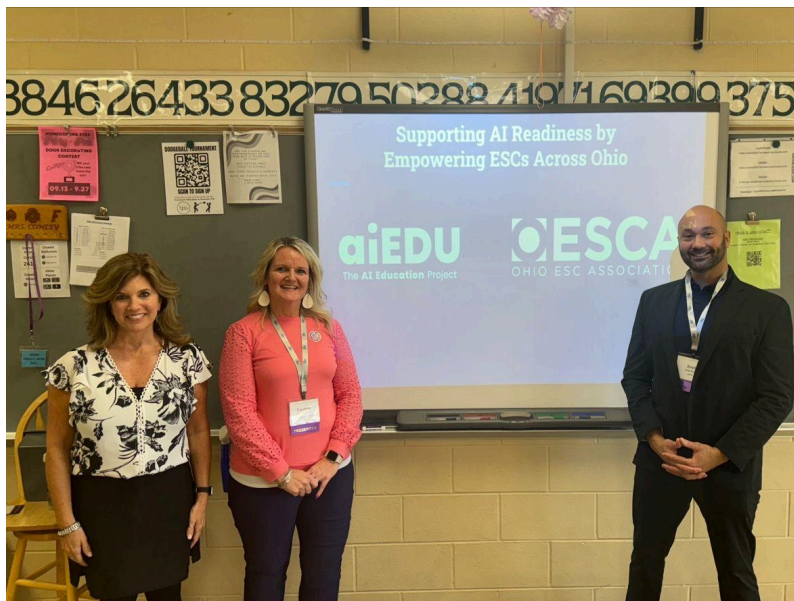
aiEDU shares our takeaways from the FANTASTIC inaugural event that was the #AIforSchools conference on November 7th, where over 400 educators came together in the name of keeping education at the center of AI.

"AI will increase the value of what makes us human," the powerful closing message from Keynote Speaker Joseph South, Chief Innovation Officer of ISTE/ASCD, captured the spirit of hope and innovation at the "Actionable Education: National Conference on AI for K-12 Educators," presented by the Butler County Educational Service Center.

Dr. Wendy Hanasky from the East Central Ohio ESC led the morning session on "AI's Revolutionary Role in K12 Education" to uncover the exciting intersections of technology and pedagogy.

Candice Sears from the Montgomery County Educational Service Center & Brett Roer from aiEDU led an afternoon session, "Supporting AI Readiness by Empowering ESCs Across Ohio," discussing an innovative collaboration to transform Ohio's AI education landscape by creating a robust network of AI educators within Ohio's Educational Service Centers (ESCs).

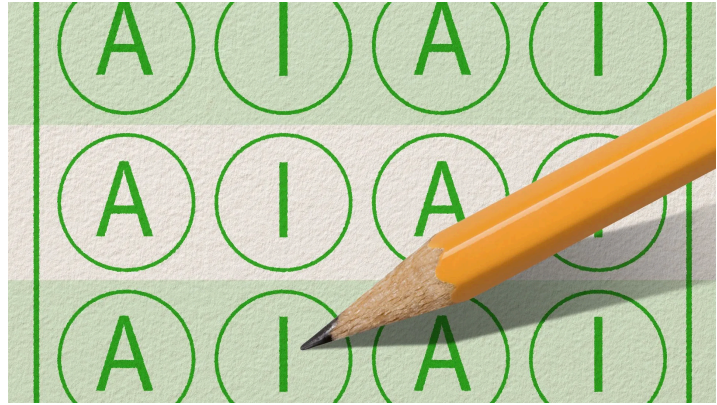
The true stars of the day were the students of Lakota Local Schools, who educated the educators in attendance on how they are already harnessing the power of AI, and what they want the future of education to look like in their classrooms.



The latest AI news to know

[How states are guiding schools to think about AI](#), Jennifer A. Kingson, *Axios*

Teachers and administrators are eager for guidelines on how to use AI – and how to stop misuse. But the field is moving so rapidly that governments have hesitated to issue guidelines. Only California and Oregon issued official guidance for the current school year – 11 other states are developing guidance while 21 do not plan to take action for the foreseeable future.



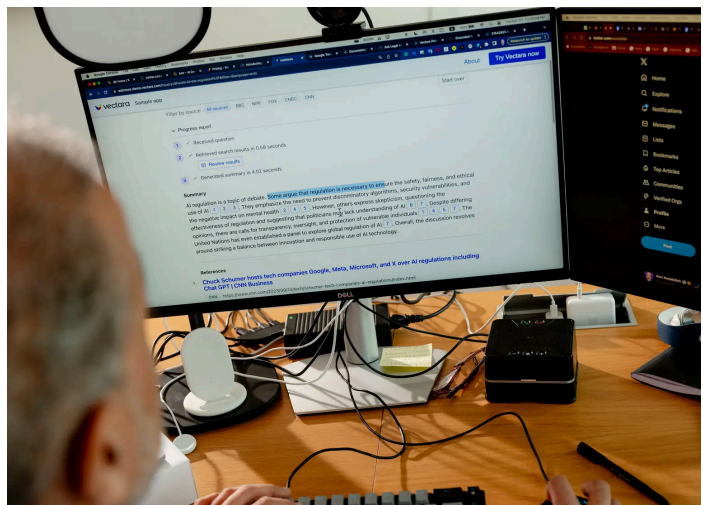
[Biden's Executive Order on AI Is a Good Start, Experts Say, but Not Enough](#), Lauren Leffer, *Scientific American*

Unlike previous actions on AI, the new Executive Order actually requires specific action on the part of tech companies and federal agencies. However, there are notable holes, including lack of human capital to achieve its ambitious goals and gaps between actions the order calls for and what is technologically possible right now.



[Chatbots May 'Hallucinate' More Often Than Many Realize](#), Cade Metz, *New York Times*

A new startup's research estimates that, even in situations designed to prevent it from happening, chatbots invent information at least 3 percent of the time – and as high as 27 percent. Experts call this behavior "hallucination."



It may not be a problem for people tinkering with chatbots for personal use, but it is a serious issue for anyone using this technology with court documents, medical information or sensitive business data.

Resources for educators



AI Snapshots

aiEDU's AI Snapshots is designed to provide everything you need to get started teaching AI. The free, downloadable resource provides 180 unique classroom warm-ups that will spark debate, ignite curiosity and build community.



AI Tool Spotlight: [MagicSchool.ai](https://www.magic-school.ai)

Use MagicSchool to help lesson plan, differentiate, write assessments, write IEPs, communicate clearly, and more.

Get involved with these upcoming free webinars



AI for Accessibility

Nov 21 | 06:30 PM ET

Explore advancements in AI and its application in the world of education, with a focus on supporting students with diverse learning needs. [Register.](#)

AI Foundations**Dec 5 | 6:30 PM ET**

Build comfort with AI, spark interest in AI discovery, test AI Tools and understand why AI literacy is crucial for students to learn. [Register.](#)

AI in the Classroom**Dec 12 | 6:30 PM ET**

Gain support in accessing and using aiEDU's curricular offerings, including AI Snapshots, Intro to AI, the AI Project Dashboard and AI Challenges. [Register.](#)