AI in Education Statewide Steering Committee for Colorado

The steering committee represents expertise and voices across sectors and will identify policy and practice priorities and pathways that foster opportunities for AI in education, specifically in spaces and communities that have historically lacked access to economic advancement.

Five working groups and a group of AI Thought Leaders will support the steering committee in their work to design, test, and share best practices and recommendations. Their collective work will inform a statewide roadmap for AI in Colorado Education.

AI Steering Committee Members

- **Vinny Badolato,** Education Program Director, Voqal
- **Joanna Bruno,** Executive Director Teaching and Learning, Colorado Department of Education
- **Marsha Cody,** Superintendent, Haxton School District RE-J2
- **Natasha Dillenburg,** Art and Technology Teacher, Julesburg School District
- **Lisa Escárcega,** Vice-Chair, Colorado School Board of Education
- **Graham Forman,** Founder and Managing Director, Edovate Capital
- **Diana Jones,** Superintendent, Alamosa School District RE-11J
- **Evan Kennedy,** Senior Director Social Impact, Public Education and Business Coalition
- **Bill Knous,** Director Charter School Growth, Colorado League of Charter Schools
- **Becky Langlois,** Executive Director Assessment and Innovation, Weld RE-3J School District
- **Diane Lauer,** Chief Academic Officer, St. Vrain Valley School District
- **Frannie Matthews,** President and CEO, Colorado Technology Association
- **Sami Mooney,** Educational Consultant, Colorado Workforce Development Council
- **Jessica North,** Director, Clear Creek School District Board of Education
- **Ivan Portilla,** Robotics and Data Scientist, Ricoh USA, Education, University of Colorado Denver
- **Ronica Rooks,** Professor and Director of Online Education, University of Colorado, Denver
- **Beth Rudden,** CEO and Cognitive Scientist, Bast AI

- **Krista Spurgin,** Colorado Executive Director, Stand for Children
- **Tammy Sumner,** Director, Institute of Cognitive Science, University of Colorado, Boulder
- **Jennifer VanIwarden,** ELA Teacher, Cañon City Schools
- **Antonio Vigil,** Director Innovative Classroom Technology, Aurora Public Schools
- **Mai Vu,** AI Program Manager, Innovation Center at St. Vrain Valley School District

AI Thought Leaders

This group of cross-sector thought leaders will provide expertise and insights into national trends, industry perspectives, and technology updates.

- **Adeel Khan,** Founder and CEO, MagicSchool
- **Alex Kotran,** Co-Founder and CEO, aiEDU
- **Tara Nattrass,** Managing Director, Innovation Strategy, ISTE
- **Jahnell Pereira,** Chief Business Development Officer, SparkFun
- **Christian Pinedo,** Chief of Staff, aiEDU
- **Mary Schlegelmilch,** Business Development Manager, Cisco
- **Shaun Wilson,** Corporate Social Responsibility Manager, IBM

Student Advisory Group

This group centers student voices and is composed of high school students from across Colorado.

- **Marcy Hoefner,** Chair

Working Groups for AI in Colorado Education

Working group members represent K-12 education, industry, postsecondary education, and community and nonprofit organizations and include school board members; school district administrators, coordinators, and specialists; and educators working in core curriculum, technology, mental health, postsecondary, and special education.

Their diverse perspectives, experiences, and expertise will help inform priorities and elevate recommendations to empower learners, educators, and leaders in communities that have historically lacked access to economic advancement.

Advancing Equity Using AI

This working group will recommend ways to equitably integrate AI in the classroom to provide a competitive advantage for students and support schools in achieving educational excellence.

MEMBERS

- **Deagan Andrews,** Greeley Evans School District 6
- **Dan Coppa,** Cañon City School District
- **Matt Cormier,** Jeffco Public Schools
- **Judith Martinez,** Stand for Children
- **Jae McQueen,** Cherry Creek School District
- **Elaine Menardi,** Colorado AeroLab (Chair)
- **Kelly Mitchell,** Inclusive Design Group
- **Alma Olivas-Aguilar,** Greeley Evans School District 6
- **Linda Rittner,** Front Range Community College
- **Colin Sailor,** St. Vrain Valley School District
- **Sam Schneider,** Colorado Department of Education
- **Ashley Simpson,** Aurora Public Schools
- **Olivia Sutphen,** Access Opportunity
- **Joseph Wehbe,** DAIMLAS

AI Curriculum Development

This working group will recommend ways to implement effective AI-instruction in the classroom to help close learning gaps and deliver content in more relevant ways.

MEMBERS

- **Samantha Agoos,** Colorado Department of Education
- **Bobbie Bastian,** Adams 12 School District (Chair)
- **Elisabeth Bell,** Community College of Aurora
- **Laurie LaComb,** Douglas County School District
- **Pam Lewis,** Colorado Department of Education
- **Valerie McCormick,** Legacy Institute
- **Andrea Mikulin,** Public Education & Business Coalition
- **Judy Perez,** iLearn Collaborative
- **Ana Poe,** Roaring Fork School District
- **Jennifer Radosevich,** Cherry Creek School District
- **Marnie Roush,** Jeffco Public Schools
- **Adrianne Ryland,** iLearn Collaborative
- **Julie Taylor,** iLearn Collaborative
- **Brian Zamarripa,** Cañon City School District

AI Policy Recommendations

This working group will identify policy priorities that support students in developing lifelong AI literacy skills.

MEMBERS

- **Joanne Addison,** University of Colorado Denver
- **Leslie Bogar,** Colorado Association of School Boards
- **Jeff Einerson,** Weld Re-3J School District
- **Amber Elias,** Colorado Education Initiative (Chair)
- **Mindy Heller,** Cherry Creek School District
- **Rachel Jeffrey,** School District 49
- **Ken Haptonstall,** Colorado River BOCES
- **Robert McMullen,** Limon School District
- **Greg Nusz,** Colorado Department of Education
- **April Pratt,** Harrison School District 2
- **Axel Reitzig,** St. Vrain Valley School District
- **John Sepich,** Ranum Reimagined

Evaluating AI Teacher Tools

This working group will investigate AI tools and strategies to help reduce the digital divide and close equity gaps.

MEMBERS

- **Jessica Babbs,** Academy School District 20
- **Brandon Beaudette,** Roaring Fork School District
- **Jane Brown,** eNet Learning
- **Yvette De La Cruz,** Westminster School District
- **Katie Gallagher,** Gunnison Watershed School District
- **Kate Harris,** Jeffco Public Schools
- **Raymond Johnson,** Colorado Department of Education
- **Jason Kelsall,** St. Vrain Valley School District (Chair)
- **Zach Kennelly,** DSST Public Schools
- **Dick Lee,** Value Innovations
- **Katrina Litzau,** Public Education & Business Coalition
- **Chrissy McKinney,** Adams State University
- **Dan Morris,** Colorado Digital Learning Solutions
- **Anna Otto,** Adams 12 School District
- **Heidi Ragsdale,** STEM is My Future
- **Alex Ramirez,** Westminster School District
- **Lindsey Thomson,** Public Education & Business Coalition
- **Trevor Timmons,** Weld RE-4 School District

Improving the Role of Teachers with AI

This working group will explore how AI tools can help reduce workload for teachers and support educator professional development.

MEMBERS

- **Michelle Bigler,** Colorado State University
- **Ronda Bucholz,** Las Animas School District
- **Tamara Durbin,** Northeast BOCES
- **Lynn Gershman,** Boulder Valley School District
- **Kate Hudnut,** Colorado TEACH
- **David Jarboe,** Harrison School District 2 (Chair)
- **Anthonya Kahrs,** Northeast BOCES
- **Kristin Kipp,** Colorado Department of Education
- **Jeremy Koselak,** Academy District 20
- **Jen Kral,** Morgan County School District
- **Kendall Kreiser,** Douglas County School District
- **Sarah Langford,** Clear Creek School District
- **Colleen O'Neil,** Colorado Department of Education
- **Deanna Padilione,** Cañon City School District
- **Matt Reamy,** RCG Talent Solutions
- **Elisha Roberts,** Colorado Education Initiative
- **Mike Rudolph,** Littleton School District

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