

# The AI Readiness Report

December 2025

This month features highlights from aiEDU's work with rural educators and Idaho schools, new partnership opportunities, and continued advocacy at the state level.

## Highlights

### Phoenix Event with Leading Educators, RAISE, and aiEDU



Rural educators from across the Southwest gathered in Phoenix, AZ for the RAISE AI Collaborative, a months-long community of practice co-led by Leading Educators, aiEDU, the Arizona Institute for Education & the Economy, and Collegiate Edu-Nation.

District-based teams spent the fall aligning instructional vision, testing AI-enabled practices, and surfacing the policy and infrastructure needed for safe and effective AI use. The meeting brought these teams together to synthesize learning, exchange strategies, and design next steps rooted in real district priorities rather than abstract trends.

The result is a growing network of rural educators leading the way in shaping coherent, equity-centered AI integration for their communities.

## Activations at the Idaho STEM Action Center



Last month, we hosted professional learning sessions across Idaho. In partnership with the Idaho STEM Action Center, educators gathered in Coeur d'Alene and Pocatello to strengthen their AI literacy and readiness, exploring how to integrate AI into teaching and learning in ethical, responsible, and effective ways. Sessions were led by our Trailblazer Alum and now Trailblazer Facilitator, Connor Mulvaney

## Opportunities for the Field

aiEDU and Quill.org are teaming up to provide a free, year-long AI literacy curriculum during the 2025-26 school year.



Building on Quill's Reading for Evidence tool and aiEDU's nationally recognized AI Snapshots curricula, the curriculum weaves critical thinking about artificial intelligence directly into daily literacy and STEM instruction for students in grades 8-12.

What is the Curriculum?

- 21 instructional modules designed for grades 8-12
- 10-minute aiEDU warm-ups paired with 15-minute Quill reading & writing activities
- Grouped into packs of three by theme

## Thought Leadership & Advocacy

### Testimony at Pennsylvania Senate Majority Policy Committee: Protecting Kids from Harmful AI

In November, Christian Pinedo, aiEDU's VP of External Affairs, testified before the Pennsylvania Senate Majority Policy Committee on protecting children from harmful

uses of AI. He shared the perspectives of K–12 educators and administrators who are committed to safeguarding students from unhealthy chatbot interactions and AI-generated exploitation while building the literacy and readiness needed for safe, responsible use. View the full hearing and Christian's testimony on our blog.

## New Resources



New AI Snapshots: "Evaluating AI Outputs," a new collection of 10 classroom-ready Snapshots designed to help middle and high school students build the habits they need to interact thoughtfully with AI.

Watch the latest episodes (5) of "Raising Kids in the Age of AI" with Alex Kotran and Dr. Aliza Pressman.

## Looking Ahead at Fall 2025

### December 3–4

aiEDU presenting at Silicon Schools Fund AI Education Trailblazers  
Austin, TX

### December 3

Presenting at "California-Focused Convening on Equity, Justice, and AI in Education" hosted by Stuart Foundation, Kapor Foundation, and Schott Foundation for Public Education  
Virtual

### December 8

aiEDU to participate in AEI's Education Debate Series: Maximizing School Improvement by 2035 Means Integrating AI into Classrooms Today  
Washington, DC

## **December 11**

aiEDU to present at Council of State Governments National Conference

Chicago, IL

## **December 17**

aiEDU presenting at Education Funder Strategy Group (EFSG) meeting

Washington, DC

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