



# The AI Readiness Report

September 2025

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September was a busy month for AI education news. On the investment side of things, Zoom Cares announced a three-year, \$10 million commitment to AI For Good to help build global AI readiness and positive societal impact; NVIDIA announced \$25 million to support K-12 AI education programs; and OpenAI launched their first wave of grant applications for their \$50 million commitment to the A People-First AI Fund. In the public sector, the National Science Foundation (NSF) announced an invitation for supplemental funding to expand K-12 resources for AI education.

Many of these announcements were in connection to the second meeting of the White House Task Force on AI Education earlier this month (more on this later). Nonetheless, these recent funding initiatives are a good signal for growing commitment to integrating AI education into K-12 schools, including resources, training, and support for educators and students nationwide.

## Funder Spotlight

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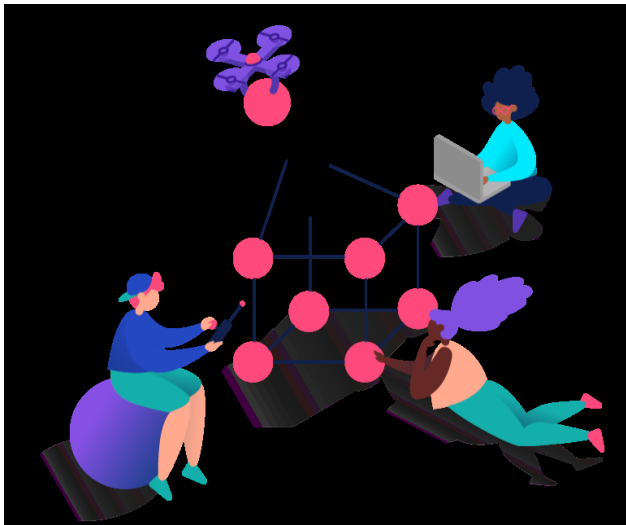
The Raikes Foundation, EdSolutions, and aiEDU will be leading a session on "Equity in the Age of AI: What Every Funder Must Ask Before AI Changes Everything" on October 21 at 2:15pm, CT at the Grantmakers for Education 2025 Annual Conference in Memphis, TN. You won't want to miss this interactive session that dives deep into the equity risks, funding blind spots, and systemic leverage points that AI introduces. Session attendees will co-create actionable resources, developed through thoughtful debate, to equip funders with critical questions to fund transformational change in education.

## Opportunities for the Field

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aiEDU hosted a unique workshop for parents and students at Juan Morel Campos in Brooklyn, New York. The event provided 50 families the opportunity to learn more about practical uses of LLMs, like Gemini including its Guided Learning feature. Parents and students built their own study guides and learned more about AI's responsible use cases for studying.

## Thought Leadership & Advocacy



At the federal level, Alex Kotran attended the second White House Task Force on AI Education meeting in Washington, DC. The key takeaway from the meeting was that AI education concerns and opportunities have moved from a niche topic to a cabinet-level national priority positioning "AI Readiness" as essential for U.S. economic and national security. Read Alex's substack post for more details about the meeting.

Additionally at the federal level, U.S. Senators Bill Cassidy (R-LA), Jon Husted (R-OH), and Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE) introduced the Recommending Artificial Intelligence Standards in Education (RAISE) Act. The bill adds AI and emerging technology to the list of subjects that states may establish standards for in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965.

Finally, Christian Pinedo, VP of External Affairs & Advocacy, was tapped to participate as a member of the California AI in Education Workgroup for public schools to develop statewide guidance and a model policy to ensure AI benefits students and educators while safeguarding privacy, data security, and academic integrity. Here's a short analysis of the first meeting on Alex's substack.

## New Resources

Last week, aiEDU Studios dropped the first episode of our new series, Raising Kids in the Age of AI. It's produced in collaboration with Google and co-hosted

by Dr. Aliza Pressman, the NYT bestselling author of *The 5 Principles of Parenting*.

aiEDU recently released Version 2.0 of the AI Readiness Framework — a comprehensive guide for preparing students, educators, and school systems for an AI-driven future. Developed with research from The Burning Glass Institute, it balances AI literacy with essential human skills like critical thinking and collaboration. Feel free to review and share our resources as you see fit: V2 AI Readiness Framework, press release, LinkedIn post, and additional resources on our webpage.

## Looking Ahead at Fall 2025

### October 14-16

aiEDU presenting at Salesforce's Dreamforce Conference

San Francisco, CA

### October 13-15

aiEDU attending National Forum to Advance Rural Education Conference

Salt Lake City, UT

### October 20-22

aiEDU presenting at EdTech Week

New York City, NY

### October 20-22

aiEDU attending TIES' Annual STEM Ecosystems convening

Washington, DC

### October 21-23

aiEDU presenting at Grantmakers for Education's 2025 Annual Conference

Memphis, TN

## 2025 Funders

Ballmer Group   Booz Allen Hamilton Inc.   Charter School Growth Fund   Cognizant

Google.org   J.M. Smuckers Company   NetApp   NewSchools Venture Fund

Patrick J. McGovern Foundation   Pull Up Fund   Raikes Foundation   Salesforce Foundation

Stuart Foundation   W.K. Kellogg Foundation

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