

NEWSLETTER

A K-12 SUPERINTENDENT SHARES HER FAVORITE **AI** TOOLS

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Dr. Kelly May-Vollmar
Superintendent

ETHICAL AI AT THE CORE: HOW DESERT SANDS IS LEADING THE WAY

In our August edition, we explored how AI is being developed responsibly, equitably, and sustainably in schools.

This September, we turn the spotlight on **Superintendent Dr. Kelly May-Vollmar**, whose leadership at Desert Sands Unified is setting a new benchmark for how districts can move beyond talk and into tangible action.



FROM CRAFTING REPLICABLE AI TOOLKITS TO EMBEDDING ETHICAL DECISION-MAKING FRAMEWORKS

When many districts are still debating “if” AI belongs in classrooms, Desert Sands Unified under Superintendent Dr. Kelly May-Vollmar is already showing “how.” With a measured, human-centred rollout, her team is demonstrating that ethical frameworks and practical toolkits can empower educators, students, and families to adopt AI responsibly.

**CHECK OUT THE SLIDES FROM THE EDTECH WEBINAR
PRESENTED BY ONE OF THE HOSTS, “DR KELLY”**

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

RISE Framework (Respect, Integrity, Support, Empathy):

A questioning tool that guides students and staff in deciding should AI be used, not just can it.

AI Toolkit: Created not only for Desert Sands but adapted as a replicable model other districts can make their own.

AI Playgrounds: Hands-on spaces where teachers and leaders explore AI together without pressure — building confidence before implementation.

Integrated PD: Training administrators and teachers through embedded PD, ensuring AI is part of instructional design, not a stand-alone add-on.

Student Readiness: Scenarios like “should AI write my college essay?” give students the chance to practice ethical choices while also learning prompt-writing.

Community Transparency: Using tools like NotebookLM to transform complex accountability documents into family-friendly podcasts.

DR. KELLY'S MESSAGE AS A CLOSING NOTE

As Dr. Kelly puts it: **“We’re preparing students not just to be college, career, and life ready — but ready to lead in a world rich with AI.”**

That vision deeply aligns with the conversations we’ve been curating in our own work.

We will explore how schools can move from simply introducing AI to building a culture of ethical, human-centred adoption — echoing many of the practices Dr. Kelly and her team are pioneering in our Latest blog.

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OURSELVES WITH your Initiatives

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