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2026 Educators Conference

Guest speaker

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How to Effectively Understand and Utilize AI: AI informed Teaching and Learning

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37 Regional Drive
Concord, NH 03301

Friday, November 20, 2026 ● 8:00am - 3:00pm

$75 per person (lunch included)
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What You'll Learn: This hands-on conference will demystify artificial intelligence and provide educators with practical strategies they can immediately apply in the classroom. Led by Kevin Donohue, the day will move from foundational understanding to practical implementation and thoughtful consideration of the opportunities and challenges AI presents in education.

The conference will feature three sessions:

- What Is AI?
- AI for Educators
- Should We Use AI?

Hands-On Learning: Throughout the day, educators will participate in collaborative discussions and practical activities, including:

- Identifying where AI is already appearing in classrooms
- Building real lesson components—such as rubrics, worksheets, and emails—using AI
- Exploring practical ways to use AI while preserving teacher expertise and professional judgment
- Drafting a classroom AI-use policy that can be implemented at your school
- Discussing responsible and ethical approaches to AI use with students

Takeaways: Educators will leave with practical tools, ready-to-use strategies, clear guidelines, and greater confidence in navigating AI in education. The day will emphasize thoughtful integration rather than technology for technology's sake, keeping professional wisdom, educational purpose, and student-centered learning at the heart of AI use.

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Welcome and opening remarks

9:00am - 12:00pm
Session 1 - What is AI? (Kevin Donohue)
Breakout Session - AI in the Wild
Session 2 - AI for Educators (Kevin Donohue)
Breakout Session - Build It Live

12:00pm - 1:00pm
Lunch on-site

1:00pm - 3:00pm
Session 3 - Should We Use AI? (Kevin Donohue)
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Breakout Session - AI in the Wild - Discussion about where AI is already showing up in educators' classrooms, intentionally or unintentionally.

Session 2 - AI for Educators (Kevin Donohue) - A practical look at how AI can support lesson planning, differentiation, feedback, and administrative tasks without replacing professional judgment. Educators will practice using AI as a starting point rather than a finished product and leave with a short list of ready-to-try prompts.

Breakout Session - Build It Live - Educators will draft one real lesson component—such as a rubric, differentiated worksheet, or parent email—using AI.

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Session 3 - Should We Use AI? (Kevin Donohue) - An introduction to AI literacy for educators: what it means, why it matters, and how to begin teaching it in the classroom. Educators will discuss common concerns surrounding AI use, including accuracy, originality, and overreliance, and will leave with simple ways to introduce responsible AI use to students.

Breakout Session - What Are Your Guardrails? - Participants will draft a one-page classroom AI-use policy that they can bring back to their schools.

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