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Use of Artificial Intelligence at SES 44

Purpose

This report marks the initial presentation of our district foundational framework for the intentional use of artificial intelligence technology. The administration is excited to introduce a manageable, measured strategy that prioritizes human relationships while exploring modern efficiencies for our staff.

Background and Information

This initiative directly follows the Illinois State Board of Education's release of statewide guidance mandated by the Illinois School Code. In alignment with those state benchmarks, Streator Elementary School District 44 is starting small rather than adopting an immediate, overwhelming policy.

Our mission is to intentionally explore how these emerging tools can enhance instructional planning and streamline administrative workflows. Crucially, this technology serves human intent and will always be used to empower our educators so they can dedicate more direct, meaningful interaction to the success of every child.

Overview of the Phased Timeline

The district will execute a structured timeline across the upcoming school year.

- From August through September 2026, the administrative cabinet will define strict technical vetting benchmarks and ensure full student data privacy compliance before any tool is introduced.
- During October and November 2026, the district will host targeted feedback sessions with principals and teachers to map classroom needs, address safety concerns, and identify bounded pilot teams.
- From January through February 2027, the administration will synthesize this stakeholder input to draft a governance board policy and update our acceptable use guidelines.
- During March and April 2027, the finalized policies will be submitted for legal review and board readings, followed by the creation of clear instructional guides for a structured rollout.

Board Action and Next Steps

This timeline is presented to the Board of Education for initial review, discussion, and informational purposes. The administration looks forward to partnering with the Board as we build a sustainable, smooth-running policy framework that keeps our district operations safe and anchored by strong organizational systems.