

**Fairfax County Federation of Citizens' Associations
Resolution on Artificial Intelligence in FCPS**

WHEREAS, Artificial Intelligence (AI) presents both opportunities and risks for the way in which teachers and students perform their work; and

WHEREAS, the rapid adoption of AI requires schools to grapple with its use in education; and

WHEREAS, FCPS has committed to be "Leading for Tomorrow's Innovation" under Goal 5 of its Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, those who do not strategically plan for technology are planning to be disrupted by it; and

WHEREAS, FCPS has taken a decade or more to create policies and/or practices regarding the use of laptops in the classroom and the use of cell phones in schools; and

WHEREAS, most organizations employ both a Chief Information Officer (CIO) to handle their systems and data analysis, and a Chief Technology Officer (CTO) to lead strategic thinking about how to align the use of technology with their business goals,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Federation:

1. Within a year, we urge FCPS to develop a clear vision for the use of AI by both staff and students; and
2. We suggest that FCPS' vision for the use of AI could draw from the Portrait of a Graduate language on "Creative and Critical Thinkers" in communicating clear principles to guide both the School Board and administration in creating policies and practices; and
3. We urge FCPS to separate the CIO role from the CTO role in recognition of the need to guide our use of technology from a strategic (rather than tactical) perspective; and
4. We renew our recommendation that FCPS establish a Department of Strategic Planning and Innovation in order to ensure that strategic thinking and innovative programs are implemented consistently and in a relevant way within the organization, rather than being drowned out by day-to-day concerns.