

As an educator, I believe that the appropriate, responsible, and creative use of technology is the way of the future as we strive to meet the ever-changing demands and needs of the districts, students, and communities that we serve. Technology should be treated as a service that helps educators provide meaningful instruction that aims to deepen learning and understanding. When used correctly, technology is a powerful instructional tool that can help educators reach students with different backgrounds, abilities, and needs.

Technology can help teachers to teach and students to learn. When we take advantage of the many ways such tools can be used to promote student understanding, growth, and success the sky is the limit. I agree and believe that learning how to adapt, modify, repurpose, and reuse openly available resources is key to using education technology successfully. In order to move forward, we need to be open minded and fearless risk takers who are willing to try new things and use available technologies to deepen our understanding and strengthen our teaching. Knowing how to think with technology is a central idea that is at the heart of the personal goals that I have set for myself as an educator. I envision technology being the vehicle that drives my curiosity, educational goals, and teaching in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.