



THE STATE OF BACK TO SCHOOL IN 2026:

SCHOOLS BEYOND SCREENS LAUNCHES THREE-PART WEBINAR SERIES TO GUIDE PARENTS AND EDUCATORS AS THEY NAVIGATE ONE OF THE DEFINING EDUCATION MOMENTS OF THE YEAR

As LAUSD implements its landmark new screen time policy, districts nationwide reevaluate screens and AI in the classroom

August 12th, 2026 (LOS ANGELES) - As students return to classrooms for the 2026-2027 school year, [Schools Beyond Screens](#) (SBS) is launching a series of webinars to help parents, educators and school leaders navigate one of the defining education issues of the year.

With [LAUSD's landmark new screen time policy](#) taking effect, districts across the country are reexamining the role of screens and AI in the classroom. To support families and educators during this pivotal back-to-school season, SBS has developed practical guidance and best practices to help communities understand LAUSD's new policy, navigate the presence of AI in schools and make informed, evidence-based decisions about technology in the classroom.

While inspired by LAUSD's implementation, the webinar series is open to parents, educators and community members nationwide and will feature practical guidance and timely conversations on the issues shaping the 2026-2027 school year.

The State of Back to School in 2026 Webinar Series includes:

- **Back to School with LAUSD: Guidance and Support in Navigating the District's New Screen Time Policy**
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19th
12-1PM PT
Registration Link:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/dY2by6C-QMORgsszE3YIsA#/registration>
Questions About LAUSD's New Tech Policy? Learn what to expect in the coming school year, including how parents can exercise their rights. The SBS team will review and explain this [Policy Overview one sheet](#) as well as review current [opt-out templates](#) including RUP, Google Gemini and iReady.
- **What Comes Next:** A two-part series of panels hosted as a collaboration between [AIM Coalition](#) and SBS answering the question 'what comes next?' from a teacher perspective - once we win the battle to get AI out of classrooms, what kind of educational experience does that allow us to create?
 - **Part I: Power, Privatization, and AI: Understanding and Resisting the Educational Industrial Complex**
MONDAY AUGUST 17th
4-5:30PM PT
Registration Link:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/kVEI6lbqQ1mCXTdegvDv8w#/registration>
Part I looks at this question from the perspective of the "educational-industrial complex," examining questions of how we got to the point where AI exists in schools because the tech broliarchy decided it should.
 - **Part II: Humanizing Pedagogies: Teaching Beyond Screens Inside the Classroom**

TUESDAY AUGUST 18th

4-5:30PM PT

Registration Link:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/xj803MHISbunvoCrpzD-yQ#/registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/join?from=invitation&url=https://us06web.zoom.us/join/join?from=invitation&url=https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/xj803MHISbunvoCrpzD-yQ#/registration)

Part II looks at "humanizing pedagogies," and what an emphasis on progressive, culturally responsive education looks like w/out screens. The goal is to give teachers power in articulating their vision of education, and to give parents language they can use to advocate against AI/screens/corporate curricula and explain what a moratorium on AI makes possible.

Schools Beyond Screens continues to call for a nationwide moratorium on AI in TK-12 classrooms until independent research demonstrates these technologies are safe, effective and developmentally appropriate. Learn more and sign the petition: [SCHOOLS BEYOND SCREENS URGENTLY DEMANDS AI MORATORIUM ACROSS SCHOOL DISTRICTS NATIONWIDE IN RESPONSE TO NEW REPORT FROM COMMON SENSE MEDIA FINDING 'UNACCEPTABLE RISKS' TO KIDS WITH GOOGLE SEARCH AI](#)

Media are welcome to attend any of the above webinars. For more information or to request interviews with Schools Beyond Screens or AIM Coalition, please contact press@schoolsbeyonscreens.com.

About Schools Beyond Screens

Founded by LAUSD parents and teachers, [Schools Beyond Screens](#) (SBS) is a national coalition advocating for classroom technology that is student-centered rather than corporate-sponsored. With [chapters in 189 school districts across 35 states](#) and growing, we push for school policies grounded in independent research, public accountability, and developmentally appropriate practice as outlined in the SBS [Student Tech Bill of Rights](#).

To learn more or to start a chapter in your area, please visit schoolsbeyonscreens.com and follow on Instagram at [@schoolsbeyonscreens](https://www.instagram.com/schoolsbeyonscreens).

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