

New TERC Tech Talks Video Podcast Evaluates Al Tools for Educators

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October 2, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -TERC, a leading nonprofit in STEM
education research and development,
has launched TERC Tech Talks, a new
video podcast series designed to help
educators, parents, and practitioners
navigate the rapidly evolving world of



Al tools and emerging learning technologies.

Educators today are inundated with new technologies promising to transform teaching and learning. With limited time and resources, testing every new tool isn't realistic. TERC Tech Talks

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offers an informal, engaging way to explore these tools without a large time commitment.

Hosted by TERC researchers <u>Ken Rafanan</u>, Dr. Zac Alstad, and Elise Levin-Güracar, the series invites viewers to join them as they test drive Al tools live, unscripted, and in the context of real teaching and learning. Each episode highlights successes, challenges, and classroom strategies, then wraps up with the hosts' top tips for considering these tools.

In each episode, viewers will get:

- Clear, accessible explanations, even if you're not tech-savvy
- Real classroom insights instead of marketing demos
- Honest pros and cons from educators who understand what works
- Practical takeaways that can be applied immediately or reasons to skip the tool

"Al has the potential to shape learning in powerful ways," said Ken Rafanan, TERC senior STEM education researcher and co-host. "But educators need reliable, unbiased information about which tools are worth their time. That's what we aim to provide with TERC Tech Talks."

Episodes are now available on YouTube, with new content released biweekly. View them here:

https://www.youtube.com/@tercSTEMEd

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For nearly 60 years, TERC has taken a learner-centered approach to STEM education in both formal and informal settings. At the frontier of theory and practice, TERC's work encompasses research, content and curriculum development, technology innovation, professional development, and program evaluation. Through TERC's STEM curricula and programs, students develop the knowledge and skills needed to ask questions, solve problems, and expand their opportunities. TERC's professional development helps teachers and facilitators utilize new tools, materials, and inquiry-based strategies to enrich the learners' experience.

TERC strives to create level playing fields for all learners, reaching millions of students each year. TERC imagines a future where teachers and students are members of vibrant communities engaged in creative, rigorous, and reflective inquiry. To learn more, please visit www.terc.edu.

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