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This week's theme is transparency and human accountability in AI use. A university provost resigned over undisclosed AI use, and Google and New York both moved decisions about students' access to AI tools into the hands of schools and regulators.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Dartmouth's Provost Resigns Over Undisclosed AI Use

Source: Inside Higher Ed, October 28, 2026. Dartmouth Provost Resigns Over AI Use

Dartmouth Provost Santiago Schnell resigned after a faculty-led committee found he "used AI to meaningfully alter his writing" and fell short of the college's academic integrity standards. The committee set AI detectors aside as unreliable and relied on publisher policies and logs from Dartmouth's enterprise AI account, which showed he used a model to edit a manuscript and generate figures without the disclosure his publisher required. Schnell said the tool's role was editorial and did not replace his research or authorship.

> **Takeaway for SMCHS:** Using AI wasn't the problem; not disclosing it was. Disclosing AI use is part of keeping the Honor Code Pledge.

DIGITAL HABITS

One Fake Job Interview Cost Binance $6.3 Billion

Source: Fortune, November 3, 2026. North Korea used LinkedIn, fake job interviews to trick Binance engineer in $6.3 billion hack

North Korean hackers stole about $6.3 billion from the crypto exchange Binance, the largest crypto theft on record. Posing as recruiters on LinkedIn, they ran fake interviews and persuaded an engineer to download a malicious "assignment," while a second engineer installed a tampered software package from an online ad. Binance says the break-in relied mainly on conventional phishing, but once inside, the attackers used the company's internal AI tools to compromise more employee accounts.

> **Takeaway for SMCHS:** No tool keeps us safe on its own. Good digital habits are the best defense against human error.

ACCESS VS. BEHAVIOR

Google to Schools: Turn On AI or Lose Search

Source: AP via ABC News; CBS News, November 3, 2026. AP via ABC News and CBS News

Google will turn off Gemini, Gemini Notebook, Gemini in Classroom, and Google Search for K-12 student accounts until school administrators enable them, and schools that keep AI off will lose Search for students. Google says schools should control AI in their classrooms. Critics, including former FTC Chair Lina Khan and Josh Golin of Fairplay, say Google is using its search dominance to push AI into schools; no effective date has been announced.

> **Takeaway for SMCHS:** Google's move falls short: it doesn't reach home use, and it treats a behavior problem as an access problem.

AI LITERACY

New York Tells Chatbots: Stop Posing as Kids' Friends

Source: Holland & Knight, November 5, 2026. New York Enacts AI Chatbot Safeguards for Minors

Gov. Kathy Hochul signed S9051B on October 28; it takes effect January 1, 2027. For users known to be minors, chatbots may not present themselves as human, claim a relationship, flatter users, encourage secrecy or isolation from appropriate adults, or endorse self-harm, and operators must use privacy-protective age assurance. The Attorney General can seek penalties of up to $25,000 per violation.

> **Takeaway for SMCHS:** A chatbot is a tool, not a friend. Telling a human from a tool is one of the most critical AI literacy skills.