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Policymaking at the  
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Local Levels



## **2024 APPAM Cross-cutting Roundtable Examples**

### **The Impact of Covid on Student Performance**

The COVID-19 pandemic made a significant impact in the K-12 educational field with learning loss becoming a defining outcome pandemic exacerbating the gap in student performance. With school closures and online learning many students lost ground on their academics and continue to struggle to catch up to peers in their grade level. However, the losses go beyond academics. Students also suffered social and emotional losses as well. This forum brings together a panel of experts across public health and education to discuss the overall impacts of covid on student performance and solutions to address them.

#### **Panelists**

Moderator

Jane Doe, Professor of Economics, American University

Speaker

Dr. John Doe, Child Psychologist, Children's National Hospital

Speaker

Mary Smith, Third Grade Teacher, DC Public Schools

Speaker

John Smith, Policy Analyst, Education Trust

#### **Why is this session cross cutting?**

This session is cross-cutting because it brings together researchers, educators, doctors and practitioners who have all directly seen the impact of learning loss in students in K-12 education. They will discuss from their viewpoints the differing factors that led to these learning losses and solutions that they have seen that are working to address them. This session will appeal to attendees interested in the Education, Health and the Family and Child policy areas.

## **Will AI Take Our Jobs?**

Recent advances in artificial intelligence (AI) have led to conversations about how AI will impact the labor market. AI is transforming the workplace by automating routine tasks providing data analysis, enhancing decision-making processes, and improving efficiency. There have been growing concerns by some that while AI will enhance and improve the labor market, that it will eventually negatively impact the job market by eliminating some jobs. This forum will bring together experts to discuss the advantages AI can bring and the challenges and risks AI can pose to the labor market.

### **Panelists**

Moderator

Tom Main, Professor of Information Systems, Harvard University

Speaker

John Doe, Commissioner, US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Speaker

Mary Smith, Data Scientist, Meta

Speaker

John Smith, Policy Analyst, Jobs for the Future

### **Why is this session cross cutting?**

This roundtable brings together experts from the labor and technology sectors to discuss growing use of AI and how it has and will impact the labor market. This session will appeal to attendees interested in the Employment and Training Programs and Innovations in Science and Technology policy areas.