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Educators take stock of Trump's pick for education secretary.

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Universities embrace lecture-capture systems



Universities are witnessing growing interest in lectures-on-demand, thanks to new [enterprise video capture systems](#) that make it easier for instructors to manage recordings of their in-class lessons. Viewership of recorded lectures at the University of Florida has tripled since it installed a new lecture-capture software platform from Sonic Foundry called Mediasite. The platform helps the University of Leeds in England capture lecture videos from more than 230 classrooms daily. It also lets instructors working with Ohio State's distance learning unit know who's watching what content and when.



The technology division of Louisiana's Department of Education is gaining traction with the [rollout of a single platform](#) that captures various formative and final summative assessments to better measure students' progress across the state, according to Carol Mosley, the state's education technology director. Mosley highlighted some of Louisiana's top edtech initiatives in an

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interview with EdScoop and talked about steps her team is taking to better support teachers "who are struggling with this new digital world."

Educators as well as employees at the Department of Education are still taking stock of President-elect Donald Trump's choice of billionaire philanthropist Betsy DeVos as his [pick for education secretary](#). DeVos has been a staunch supporter of market-driven schooling initiatives, but if confirmed, brings no public education experience to the department. Trump has said the public school system is like a monopoly that needs to be broken up and wants to create a \$20 billion federally funded voucher program.

Schools no longer have to abide by the dreaded bell to switch classes. A [new personalized learning tool](#) from Alma Technologies allows students to create their own schedules, giving them greater freedom and choice in what and when they want to learn. The tool offers ad-hoc scheduling to K-12 districts and tracks students' attendance and performance. It's helped "smooth the way toward personalized learning," according to Sam Mormando, director of technology for Garnet Valley School District in Pennsylvania.

For 118,000 locally run schools and library facilities, making the most of E-rate investments to support broadband expansion continues to be a complicated challenge. That's in part because of how rapidly technology changes and the need to keep up with evolving security threats, according to Dell EMC's Michael Shannon and SonicWall's Scott Grebe. The two executives offer "[Five tips to get the most from E-rate investments](#)" in an EdScoop interview and accompanying sponsored white paper.

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