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## A photograph of a classroom scene. A female teacher with dark hair tied back, wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt, is leaning over a desk, smiling and pointing at a laptop screen. A young boy with light brown hair, wearing a green sweater, is sitting at the desk, looking at the laptop. In the foreground, another boy with dark skin and curly hair, wearing a blue and white striped shirt, is also sitting at a desk, looking at his laptop. In the background, other students are visible, some sitting at desks and others standing. The classroom has large windows with green frames, and the lighting is warm and natural.

# AI could worsen school inequalities

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**How teachers end up using, or not using, AI to support their teaching – and their students' learning – may determine whether AI's use in schools narrows or widens existing equity gaps.**



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WASHINGTON – Sen. Mark Kelly said President Donald Trump is sending a “message” that Americans can’t criticize their government – after the Pentagon opened an investigation into the Arizona Democrat that could include recalling him to active duty for court-martial proceedings.

“They’re trying to send a message to retired service members, to government employees, to members of the military, to elected officials, and to all Americans who are thinking about speaking up, you better keep your mouth shut, or else,” Kelly, a retired U.S. Navy captain, said at a Dec. 1 news conference on Capitol Hill.

The Pentagon recently announced it was investigating Kelly for “serious allegations of misconduct.” The move came after Kelly joined a group of

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