



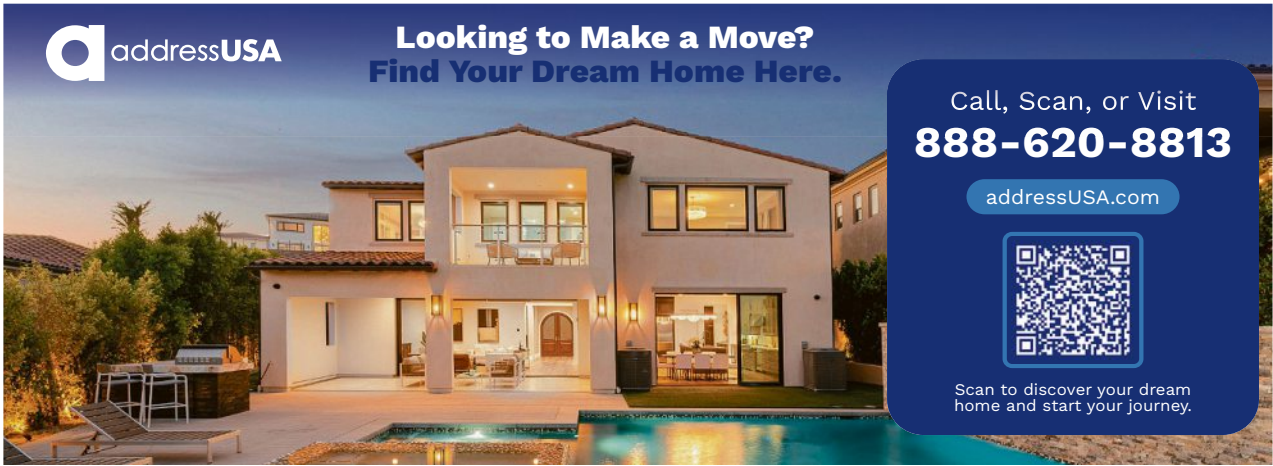
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Schools rethink technology use in the classroom, examine student screen time

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When the COVID-19 pandemic forced in-person classroom instruction to go virtual, students suddenly needed to have their own laptops or tablets in order to interact with teachers and complete assignments.

Most states used federal pandemic funding to address the digital divide. This refers to the gap between students and families who had their own tablets, computers and high-speed internet, and those who did not.

While most schools resumed in-person classes by 2021, many of them continued to rely heavily on online platforms and apps to help

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Experts say students need to learn more than how to use a laptop or an artificial intelligence chatbot; they should also understand how data is collected and used, how AI and other computing systems work and how technology affects people and society. PHOTO AND ART BY GETTY IMAGES



Research shows students learn the most when they use tech actively rather than passively.

For older students, technology may remain central to learning, particularly when students are using it to program, analyze data, model complex systems and critically evaluate information.

Debate by governor hopefuls unlikely

Acton declines, cites ‘lies’ by Ramaswamy

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In the race for Ohio governor, it seems unlikely that voters will see Democrat Amy Acton and Republican Vivek Ramaswamy debate.

Ramaswamy announced Sept. 2 that he had accepted debate invitations from CNN and WLWT, an NBC local affiliate in Cincinnati.

“I challenge Amy Acton to join me on the debate stage so voters can make a well-informed choice in November,” said Ramaswamy in a press release.

Hours later, Acton’s campaign issued a statement that boiled down to a hard no.

Acton campaign manager Phil Stein said in a written statement that Ramaswamy is a “scam artist” who spreads lies about Acton and her family.

“Ramaswamy and his billionaire buddies have spent more than \$50 million on disgusting, inaccurate attack ads that have been condemned as the ‘most vile and repulsive lies’ Ohio has ever seen,” Stein’s statement said.

The 2026 race has been jammed with attacks and accusations.

Republican groups have accused Acton of being “unstable” and abusing alcohol and prescription medication. An ad from pro-Ramaswamy super PAC, V-PAC: Victors, Not Victims, ends with the line: “Amy Acton. Drinking. Drugs. Disaster. Disqualifying.”

Acton and fellow Democrats say that’s not true, and Republicans are attempting to smear her for what



Acton



Ramaswamy

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Downtown record store expands

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If you are tired of streaming your music and want to get your hands on a physical copy of your favorite record or CD, Apollo Records in Downtown Chillicothe has you covered. With the recent move and expansion, the music store has even more to offer.

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