**EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS**

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1. **For all teachers K-12:  Have you heard of GoFormative?  GoFormative** is a web-based tool that allows teachers to create digital formative assessments, tasks, or assignments that are easily accessible from any electronic device:laptop, tablet, or smartphone.  Teachers use Formative to see student work in real-time, give feedback, track student progress to learning standards, and collaborate around common assessment data.  Thanks goes to **Jen Sholl** for this one.

**2.** For all staff looking for a great recording tool on their laptop/desktop: Have you heard of Iorad?  Iorad is a Chrome extension tutorial creation and recording tool that highlights the steps you click on in your tutorial.  Literally, you start and then stop the screen recording, and every step is highlighted.  Get Iorad in the Chrome store here.  Iorad provides a simple solution for creating guided step-by-step tutorials, instructions and knowledgebase articles for any desktop or web application.  Iorad captures everything the user does inside the capture frame and automatically breaks it down into step-by-step instructions.

**3.  4. For all Canvas users: InstructureCon is coming October 7th!** InstructureCon is Canvas's free and virtual convention, held by and attended by teachers all over the country and the world.  Whether you're new to Canvas or a seasoned SpeedGrader, learn to do all sorts of cool, new things with Canvas, MasteryConnect, Canvas Quizzes, SpeedGrader, and more.  Watch uplifting, mind-expanding talks that will make you even more excited about the whole wide world of education.  This is the save-the-date announcement. **Registration is not yet open**, but you can **submit proposals** to present at InstructureCon and put your email in to get updates.  We will continue to inform staff with emails and in this newsletter. **Questions?** Please contact your Tech Coach or  Keith Madsen .

**4. For all Staff: More from the IDOE's Cybersecurity for Education Toolkit:** Home IT devices, such as unsecured off-site routers, modems, and other network devices are subject to many of the same threats as on-site business devices. They can be attacked from any device on the internet. Remote devices are also vulnerable to unauthorized access from neighbors and passersby.  **To help improve the security of your home network, the following is a list of questions to consider** Do you have a password policy in place? Do you have a unique password and two-factor authentication (2FA) enabled on your internet service provider's web portal?  If you use a mobile application for network management, do you have a unique password and 2FA enabled? Have you installed the latest updates for your network devices (i.e., modem, router, laptop/PC) or have you enabled auto-update with the device's administration page?

**Fun Technology Fact: Tech for Farmers!  Want to kill weeds?**  Carbon Robotics has unveiled the third-generation of its Autonomous Weeder, a smart farming robot that identifies weeds and then destroys them with high-power lasers.  Yes!  Destroys the weeds with LASERS!  Chemical herbicides can kill the weeds, but they can also contaminate water and affect soil health.  **How it works:** The farming robot looks like a large cube on wheels; as it drives itself down rows of crops, its 12 cameras scan the ground. An onboard computer identifies weeds, and the robot's carbon dioxide lasers then zap and kill the weeds. Read more of the article here, and check out this short (1:56) video on YouTube here.  Cost?  You would have to ask on the Carbon Robotics site here...