Is Technology a Solution to Advancethe Education System?

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In the ongoing discourse surrounding technology's integration into education, this abstract critically examines the premise that technology is not a substitute for good teaching. Despite technological advancements offering powerful tools for learning, this study underscores the indispensable role of educators in shaping meaningful educational experiences.

The recognition of technology as a powerful learning tool is juxtaposed against its propensity to serve as a potential distraction. Drawing from existing literature and empirical evidence, this study explores the multifaceted nature of technology in education, shedding light on the challenges posed by distractions arising from online activities, social media, and gaming.

This study delves into the multifaceted relationship between technology and education, acknowledging the potential for restructuring learning paradigms. While technology has been a central topic in educational discourse, it is imperative to recognize certain undeniable truths about its implementation in the educational system. The abstract aims to scrutinize the proposition that technology is not the exclusive panacea for improving education by examining key considerations articulated in recent articles.

The assertion that technology is not a substitute for good teaching underscores the indispensable role of educators in the learning process. Technology, while a powerful learning tool, should augment and complement effective teaching methodologies rather than serve as a standalone solution.

Furthermore, the recognition that technology can be a distraction highlights the need for a balanced approach. For example, during post-COVID-19 classes, professors are teaching classes where students are getting distracted by social media and gaming. Despite its potential for enriching learning experiences, technology's capacity to divert students' attention to social media and online activities necessitates careful management.

Concerns about technology widening the achievement gap emphasize the potential disparities in access and proficiency. While technology has the capability to level the educational playing field, the risk exists that students lacking access or proficiency may face increased disparities in academic achievement.

The acknowledgment of the cost associated with technology implementation underscores the financial burden on educational institutions. Investing in hardware, software, and infrastructure is a substantial commitment, requiring careful planning and resource allocation.