

Midd-West looking at detection software for AI

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MIDDLEBURG — The Midd-West School Board is considering purchasing artificial intelligence (AI)-detection software to determine if it is used by students.

The board is looking into Turnitin LLC's AI detection technology, though board President Terry Boonie raised concerns about its accuracy.

"It's new technology," he said.

Board member Corey Smith asked how principals are handling situations where a student is suspected of using a writing tool, like ChatGPT.

High school Principal Edward Gunkle said on a first offense a student will be given the opportunity to redo the assignment, with subsequent offenses garnering escalating penalties.

Teachers are finding ways to work around it in some instances by wording questions in a specific fashion, including asking for a student's personal experience or reflection, he said.

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Intermediate Unit is offering assistance to districts in dealing

with the issue, Gunkle added.

“AI is here and it’s only going to get stronger. We have to find the right way to use it,”

said Dane Aucker, director of curriculum, instruction and technology.

In other business, the district

is interviewing candidates for director of food services with next week’s departure of John Rosselli after 10 years.

Superintendent Joe Stroup said the candidate pool is strong and includes a current district employee.