

# LEADING THE LEARNING REVOLUTION

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# A REVOLUTION IN LEARNING

- ▶ Deep learning
- Immersive pedagogical partnerships
- ▶ Ubiquitous
- Systemic





## **EARLY SOLUTIONS**

- ► Too teacher driven
- ▶ A piece but not the whole
- Not integrated
- ► Engagement not enlightenment
- Much of the work fails to examine impact/outcomes

# STUDENTS AS CHANGE AGENTS > Students as catalysts for pedagogical change > Students as partners in organizational change

> Students as forces for societal change

# A SAMPLING... Colombia Ontario United States Mexico Australia

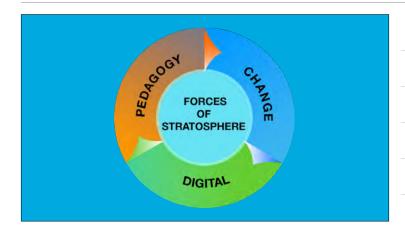












THE 6Cs

#### **DEEP LEARNING PROGRESSIONS**

CREATIVITY
Having an 'entrepreneurial eye' for economic
and social opportunities, asking the right
inquiry questions to generate novel ideas,
and leadership to pursue those ideas and
turn them into action.





CRITICAL THINKING
Critically evaluating information and arguments, seeing patterns and connections, constructing meaningful knowledge, and applying it in the real world.

COMMUNICATION
Communicating effectively with a variety
of styles, modes, and tools (including
digital tools), tailored for a range of
audiences.





CHARACTER
Learning to deep learn, armed with the
essential character traits of grit, tenacity,
perseverance, and resilience; and the
ability to make learning an integral part of
living.

CTIZENSHIP
Thinking like global citizens, considering
global issues based on a deep understanding
of diverse values and wordviews, and with a
gruine interest and ability to solve
ambiguous and complex real-world problems
that impact human and environmental
sustainability.



CULLABORATION
Work interdependently and synergistically in teams with strong interpersonal and team-related skills with strong interpersonal and team-related skills and challenges, making substantive decisions together, and tearning from and contributing to the learning of others. COLLABORATION



- **Enthusiasm and empowerment** Connections to the living world
- Meta-cognitive skills
- Cross curricular
- Student and others as sources of expertise
- Multi-directional learning relationships
- Growing awareness of life-long learning and moral responsibilities of global citizenship



# RADICAL LEADERSHIP Respect and reject the status quo > Expertise and apprenticeship > Experiment and commit -Adapted from Martin and Osberg, 2015 RADICAL + NATURAL TO HUMAN LEARNING **BUT: FOREIGN TO SCHOOLS AS INSTITUTIONS** TRANSFORMATION OF LEARNING LEADERSHIP IN THE DIGITAL AGE: DIRECTION, LETTING GO, CONSOLIDATION A cycle of trying things and making meaning Co-learning dominates Leaders spend a lot of time listening, learning, asking questions Leaders help articulate what is happening, and how it relates to impact ▶ Role of tools is to provide focus and shape without suffocating context Ultimately you need people to take charge of their own learning in a context of individual and collective efficacy



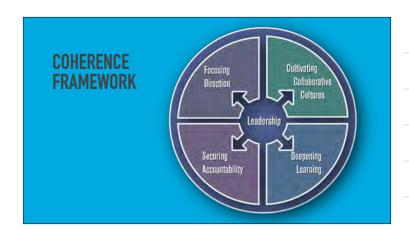
- ► NEED FOR NEW MEASURES
- ► ENGAGEMENT A POOR PROXY FOR DEEP LEARNING
- ▶ A RETICENCE TO GO FOR IT

# BARRIERS

### RADICAL SHIFT IN PEDAGOGY

▶ The cost of ignoring the impact of 'legacy pedagogy' is severe.

-Dixon, 2016



WHERE IS THE COHERENCE—WHERE IS THE GLUE?

WE FIND IT "IN THE MIDDLE".

# LEADERSHIP FROM THE MIDDLE

#### THE NEW LEADERSHIP

- ▶ Comes from many quarters
- Leaders listen, learn, leverage, lead
- > Help crystallize, act on emerging solutions
- > Treats impact as fundamental

## **LEADERSHIP FROM THE MIDDLE**

- ▶ Wildfire affinity to joining the learning revolution
- The rise of a critical mass
- Education and life fuse
- Unleash and channel students as radical change agents



**The Grand Strategy** 

Purposeful Networked Co-Learning Communities

# YOUR CHOICE

Crippling Incrementalism vs Fearsome Innovation



