



BIGPICTURELEARNING
ACTIVATING THE POWER
OF STUDENTS, SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES
#WEAREACTIVISTS

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At Big Picture Learning, it is our vision that all students live happy and successful lives of their own design — in their education, careers and civic experiences — supported by learner-centered communities, caring mentors, strong inter-personal relationships and equitable opportunities to achieve their greatest potential.

In this sense, **we are activists.**

WE ACTIVATE THE POWER OF...



SCHOOLS.

the network | bpl international | affinity cohort | upstream collaborative

Educators across the country and around the world are increasingly recognizing the power that comes when students forge their own paths through learning. What was once considered an alternative movement in education is becoming mainstream. Today, over 75 BPL network schools exist in 29 states around the country, with another 100+ around the world. Our new Affinity and Upstream Collaborative cohorts — situated in areas where we can make the greatest impact — are designed explicitly to create communities of practitioners who are passionately engaged in redesigning education with equity and student success at its heart.

But as we move forward — **together** — we aim to ensure that those joining the movement anew don't forget the lesson which has been central to all successful education movements past: **relationships matter.**



by the numbers

15

new schools will join the BPL network over the next three years as part of the Affinity Cohort, bringing our network to over 75 schools in the US and another 100+ around the world (in places like India, the Netherlands, Kazakhstan, and more).

can a school save a neighborhood? | Kia Gregory | The Hechinger Report | May 2, 2018

emotional meeting sees the approval of big picture learning at windsor unified school district | Heather Bailey | The Windsor Times | April 19, 2018



LEARNING.

learning big picture | school foundry | projectcon | big bang

Big Picture's school and district leaders are among the most passionate and dedicated educators impacting the lives of students today, at once a community of teachers and a community of learners. But they — and we — **can always get better**. Our professional development opportunities — whether delivered online via Learning Big Picture or in-person at our annual conferences — are, like our schools, explicitly designed with a personal touch, with opportunities to learn from national staff, network colleagues from across the country and — naturally — students.

Whether it's through videos, classroom resources, shared research or community excursions, Big Picture's lifelong learning opportunities not only increase thinking, **but push thinking**. Our work starts in the classroom but it ends when we have addressed the complex systemic issues that impact education at large.



you heard it here



learning big picture supports the development of a common language around our work with students & families, which is important as we reshape our students' educational experience.

carrie duff, school leader

equalizing professional development: creating a community of leaders of color | Carlos Moreno & Randy Moore | Education Week | August 31, 2018

starting from scratch: five principals work together to create their dream schools | Neal Morton | Seattle Times | September 15, 2017

in the news



... INTERNSHIPS.

imblaze |

Big Picture Learning has long been recognized as a leader in facilitating interest-based internships. But creating these kinds of hands-on, deeper learning experiences at scale can be extremely challenging. Enter [ImBlaze](#), our mobile internship management platform that not only accelerates place-based learning on demand, but does so while addressing prevalent opportunity gaps that inhibit students from building necessary social capital.

Relocating learning to immersive, community-based environments, where authentic real-world learning is deeply intertwined with knowledge acquisition, represents the fulfillment of Big Picture's **Leaving to Learn** philosophy. The technology has finally caught up in a way that makes this vision accessible to any school or any student who wants to take the next step.



by the numbers

70k

since its inception, ImBlaze has helped students document over 70,000 days in which they were in the real world, pursuing their interests, working with adult mentors, and developing their professional network.

in the news

technology can make invaluable connections for students | Julia Freeland Fisher | USA Today | November 28, 2018

want to offer internships at your school? a tool to make it easier | Katrina Schwartz | KQED/Mindshift | October 22, 2018

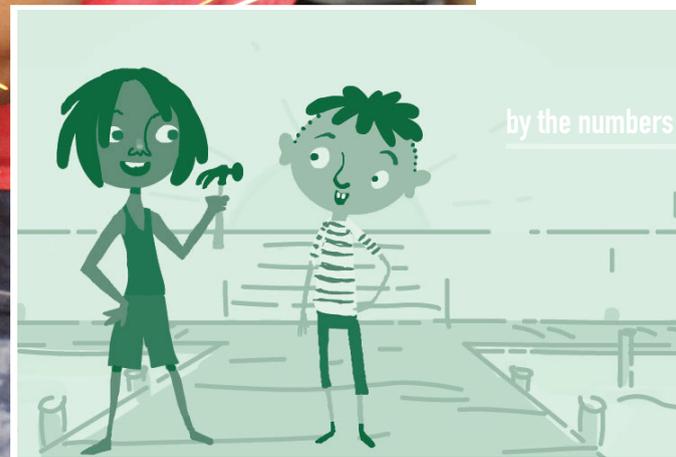


THE TRADES.

harbor freight fellows | navigating our way

At Big Picture Learning, we work to provide all students with a strong sense of identity, confidence, and purpose — **no matter their path**. In this vein, we have recently launched the Harbor Freight Fellowship, designed to connect students to a larger community of practice through which they may develop critical networks for building social, professional and economic capital.

This message is supported by Navigating Our Way, a public service campaign we've launched committed to shifting how society values career and technical education and the skilled trades. **We are not alone**. We are excited by a growing movement among kindred spirits, makers, and craftspersons who are pushing for more creative and effective models of learning for students looking to pursue their own interests, whatever they may be.



by the numbers

89

percent of harbor freight fellows report feeling more closely connected to their local community of professionals.

in the news

evidence that makes it evident: improving assessment by emulating the trades | Elliot Washor & Charles Mojkowski | Getting Smart | March 14, 2018

amplifying the value of multiple post-secondary pathways | Elliot Washor & Chris Jackson | Education Reimagined Pioneering | August 28, 2018



OPPORTUNITY.

equity fellows | here to here | college unbound

At Big Picture Learning, it is our vision that **all** students live successful lives of their own design, supported by equitable opportunities to achieve their greatest potential. Through partnerships designed to identify emerging equity warriors, to bring college to those who have experienced barriers, to give urban youth their first taste of social capital; we are amplifying proven best practices that drive systems changes for every learner. But most critically for those underrepresented.

To achieve this, we need to be agile. To lead with a definition of personalization that starts with person. We adhere to a philosophy in which the educational needs of a nation can be accomplished — yes — one student at a time. But also one **paradigm shift** at a time.



at big picture learning, we look for places to create a wake for voices that don't always get the spotlight. the simple act of stepping aside can have an extraordinary impact.

carlos moreno, co-executive director

sharing the pulpit | Carlos Moreno | iNACOL | September 20, 2018

Providence-based College Unbound helps minority, low-income students earn degrees | Jim Hummel | The Providence Journal | November 9, 2018

in the news



At Big Picture Learning,

we serve all who possess an infallible spirit for learning, truth and equity — especially in an era of adversity and marginalization. We foster learning spaces which create the wake in which students can freely, and with courage, pursue their passions and interests. From these spaces have emerged teachers, architects, policy-makers, fashion designers, astrophysicists, filmmakers, musicians, future world leaders and more. From these spaces have emerged second families, made up of peers of diverse genders, races, religions, economic classes and sexual orientations. We stand for unbridled, fearless, curiosity.

We activate the power of schools, systems and education through student-directed, real-world learning. **We are activists.**

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