

Digital Promise Global Joins HP and Microsoft to Launch HP Spotlight Schools

William F. Halloran School No. 22 selected as first HP Spotlight School

May 30, 2019 | Washington, D.C. – Digital Promise Global, HP, and Microsoft are excited to launch HP Spotlight Schools as part of their Reinvent the Classroom initiative. HP Spotlight Schools are innovative public schools recognized for their excellence in powerful teaching and learning with technology. William F. Halloran School No. 22 of Elizabeth Public Schools in Elizabeth, New Jersey, has been selected as the first HP Spotlight School.

HP Spotlight Schools are characterized by their innovative, meaningful, and replicable applications of technology for learning. William F. Halloran School No. 22 was selected as an HP Spotlight School for its focus on equitable access to technology and its culture of innovation in technology use for learning. Through its distinction as an HP Spotlight School, William F. Halloran School No. 22 will serve as an exemplar of powerful teaching and learning for schools and districts nationwide.

"Classroom instruction at Elizabeth Public Schools is guided by our promise to provide an innovative and personal learning environment that ensures every child can achieve excellence," said Elizabeth Public Schools Superintendent Olga Hugelmeyer. "William F. Halloran School No. 22 is a shining example of our commitment to digital learning and is well-deserving of being recognized as the first HP Spotlight School. We are grateful for this tremendous opportunity with Digital Promise, HP, and Microsoft and look forward to seeing how this partnership will contribute to enhancing classroom instruction and the School No. 22 learning community as a whole."

"It is critical that students have learning opportunities that allow them to use technology in personally productive and relevant ways. We are thrilled to collaborate with HP and Microsoft to spotlight innovative public schools around the country who are creating such opportunities for teachers and students school-wide," said Karen Cator, President and CEO of Digital Promise.

"HP is committed to transforming the learning experience by equipping teachers and students with the latest educational technology. We are proud to name William F. Halloran School No. 22 a HP Spotlight School where technology will play a critical role in shaping and powering their innovative student curriculum," said Gus Schmedlen, Vice President for Education, HP Inc.

To celebrate this distinction, William F. Halloran School No. 22 is hosting a ribbon cutting celebration on Thursday, May 30. The event will culminate in the grand opening of the school's HP Learning Studio, a space in their library outfitted with powerful technology for student-centered making and design.

As part of William F. Halloran School No. 22's designation as an HP Spotlight School, Digital Promise Global will also provide forty hours of professional development for two cohorts of teacher-leaders at the school.

Reinvent the Classroom is an initiative by Digital Promise Global, HP, and Microsoft that celebrates powerful teaching and learning with technology. In addition to HP Spotlight Schools, Reinvent the Classroom includes HP Teaching Fellows and HP Learning Studios. For more information, visit global.digitalpromise.org/reinvent-the-classroom.

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