



Digital Promise Global Joins HP and Microsoft to Launch New HP Spotlight School

Lone Star Middle School selected as second HP Spotlight School

October 8, 2019 | Boise, ID – In May 2019, Digital Promise Global, HP, and Microsoft launched the HP Spotlight Schools program as part of their Reinvent the Classroom initiative. Lone Star Middle School in Nampa, Idaho has been selected as an HP Spotlight School, and is one of only two schools in the nation with this distinction.

HP Spotlight Schools are characterized by their innovative, meaningful, and replicable applications of technology for learning. Lone Star Middle School was selected as an HP Spotlight School for its exemplary use of technology to provide personalized, authentic learning for students. Through its distinction as an HP Spotlight School, Lone Star Middle School will serve as a model of powerful teaching and learning for schools and districts nationwide.

As part of Lone Star Middle School's designation as an HP Spotlight School, Digital Promise Global will provide 40 hours of professional development for teacher-leaders at the school. Digital Promise Global will also donate a customized HP Learning Studio outfitted with technology for student-centered making and design, including media production, VR, and digital fabrication.

"As a major employer in the state, HP is a key stakeholder in Idaho's future. Our recent study on Idaho's Education and Workforce showed that the most valued workforce skills include grit and determination, adaptability, and, above all, personal responsibility. We look forward to seeing how Lone Star Middle School's teachers, school leaders, and parents use our findings to inform how they prepare collaborative, engaged, and agile students who will fill the jobs of the future in this fast-growing and beautiful state." said Gus Schmedlen, Vice President for Education, HP Inc.

"The Nampa School District is extremely honored to be recognized by Digital Promise and HP for our work around personalized learning," said Chad Longley, Nampa Personalized Learning Administrator. "Our leaders and teachers are deeply invested in providing

meaningful, relevant, and engaging learning opportunities for all children, and this recognition is a testament to their relentless dedication. This relationship will only strengthen our ability to provide students with varied learning pathways and amplified student agency.”

“We value and are grateful for our relationship with HP, IBE and Digital Promise and are excited about the incredible opportunities it affords our students and district. Relationships like these unite the public and private sectors in a common goal to support and equip our students with the skills they need to successfully transition to the next stage of their lives,” said Nampa Superintendent Paula Kellerer.

“We are thrilled to expand our partnership with HP and Microsoft to spotlight innovative public schools across the country, particularly those that are working to close the Digital Learning Gap. We look forward to sharing examples of how school-wide powerful use of technology supports students to become lifelong learners,” said Karen Cator, President and CEO of Digital Promise.

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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