



Digital Promise Welcomes Five New Members to its Board of Directors

New members to strengthen Digital Promise's focus on innovation in education

FEBRUARY 10, 2022 | Washington, D.C. – After a rigorous and deliberative process, Digital Promise's Board of Directors has approved five new members to join the board. Each member will help Digital Promise toward achieving its mission to accelerate innovation in education, with a particular focus on achieving equity for learners.

The five new members include:

- **Trevor Brown**, Managing Partner at New Profit
- **Isa Ellis**, Senior Program Officer at Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- **Susan Enfield**, Superintendent at Highline Public Schools (Washington)
- **Michael Levine**, Senior Vice President, Learning and Impact for Noggin at Nickelodeon
- **Richard Moglia-Cannon**, CFO at the National Center for Education and the Economy (retired)

"We're excited to expand our Board of Directors with these five distinguished members," said Digital Promise President and CEO Jean-Claude Brizard. "Each person will bring valuable, diverse expertise and perspectives to our work, and strengthen our efforts to prepare all learners for holistic, lifelong success."

Dr. Linda Roberts, chair of the Board of Directors, said, "We welcome each of our new board members and look forward to working closely with them to improve education globally and help solve the challenges facing today's learners."

About the New Members

Trevor Brown currently serves as a Managing Partner at New Profit. Prior to his current role, he led New Profit's Portfolio Investing activities and also sat on the firm's Operating Council. Trevor is an experienced growth advisor that has worked both domestically and abroad in an array of industries and functional areas. Previously, he was a Partner at Next Street Financial, where he advised business owners and nonprofits on growth strategies, operations, and organizational development priorities.

“I’m thrilled to be of service to Digital Promise in its journey to accelerate innovation and transformation in education,” said Brown. “I believe that the organization has built a powerful platform and team to deliver on their mission and commitment to ensure that all students, particularly those historically and systematically excluded, have the opportunity to succeed.”

Isa Ellis is a Senior Program Officer at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, leading a portfolio that focuses on expanding equitable education and employment pathways that lead to economic opportunity and mobility for youth who have been historically marginalized. A graduate of Notre Dame University, Isa has served in numerous roles, including Head of Global Education and Workforce for the Clinton Global Initiative and National Vice President, College and Workforce Development for the Boys and Girls Club of America. Isa is considered a national expert on education to employment pathways and is a sought-after speaker in the conference circuit.

“I’m excited to join an organization whose primary focus is to model inclusive, ethical innovation in education and center the voices of proximate leaders, including youth, families, and educators,” said Ellis.

Under the leadership of Superintendent **Susan Enfield**, Highline Public Schools is implementing the second phase of its strategic plan committed to the academic and social-emotional growth of all students so they graduate prepared for the future they choose. In 2014, Highline was inducted to the Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools, a national coalition of the most forward-thinking districts in education. A high school English, journalism, and English Language Learner (ELL) teacher, Susan served as Chief Academic Officer and then as Interim Superintendent for Seattle Public Schools before coming to Highline in 2012. She was recently named the 2022 Superintendent of the Year by the Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA).

Enfield said, “I am excited to serve Digital Promise, especially around the effort to improve opportunities for all our students to be engaged in digital learning.”

Michael H. Levine is an internationally recognized social entrepreneur with a track record driving early childhood and K-12 education reform and transformation at public and private companies, foundations, and government agencies. He has 20+ years of experience researching educational, developmental, and socioeconomic implications of the emerging media and learning landscape to inform policy and legislation, fuel innovation, promote educational equity, and influence educational program decisions. He is an author of 40+

publications and policy briefs; co-author of *Tap, Click, Read: Growing Readers in a World of Screens*; keynote speaker; and board member for nonprofit and double bottom-line social venture organizations. He was named one of the U.S.'s most influential leaders in family policy by *Working Mother* magazine.

"I'm honored to join Digital Promise's Board of Directors," said Levine. "After a decade of leadership, the organization is well-positioned to lead efforts of systems-level transformation that can close opportunity gaps and diminish differences in outcomes for today's students, especially those who are historically and systematically excluded."

Richard Moglia-Cannon has been working to improve urban public schools for over 30 years. He is currently a management consultant, working to implement change, improve systems, and scale-up innovative ideas. Previously, Moglia-Cannon was the Chief Financial Officer for the National Center on Education and the Economy and its subsidiary, the National Institute for School Leadership (NISL), from 2008-2019. Simultaneously, he was the Director of Scale-up for NISL, helping to improve the academic achievement for over 1 million students.

"I have spent most of my 30 years in the public education field scaling-up innovative ideas and figuring out the financial model to make them sustainable. I hope that my experience will benefit Digital Promise as it enters its second decade," said Moglia-Cannon.

[More information on the members of Digital Promise's Board of Directors can be found here.](#)

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About Digital Promise

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