

Virtual Conference Provides Free Professional Learning Opportunity for Educators on Election Day

October 12, 2022 | **Washington, D.C.** – Educators can learn directly from leading edtech experts on Tuesday, November 8, at the inaugural <u>Elevating Innovation virtual conference</u> presented by Digital Promise and Verizon. This professional learning opportunity is free to all educators as part of Verizon Innovative Learning, Verizon's award-winning education initiative focused on addressing the barriers to digital inclusion.

In addition to keynote speakers **Dr. Tony Wagner** and **Kenneth Shelton**, featured presenters including Ditch That Textbook author **Matt Miller**, blended learning coach **Dr. Catlin Tucker**, and ClassTechTips.com founder **Dr. Monica Burns** will share strategies, activities, and research-based practices to best leverage educational technology in the classroom.

Interactive sessions will focus on topics such as: learning with immersive technologies; innovative learning design and delivery; STEM and STEAM education; design thinking; student well-being; and more.

The Elevating Innovation virtual conference is suggested for K-12 district and campus leaders, instructional coaches, and classroom educators who want to explore ways to leverage technology meaningfully to engage students in powerful learning experiences.

Keynote and featured speakers include:

- Dr. Monica Burns, ClassTechTips.com
- Dr. Neil Gupta, educational leader
- P. Sloan Joseph, instructional coach and equity advocate
- Matt Miller, author of Ditch That Textbook
- Kenneth Shelton, edtech and equity leader
- Dr. Catlin Tucker, blended learning coach and best-selling author
- Dr. Tony Wagner, best-selling author

The virtual event will take place on November 8 from 11 a.m.–4 p.m. and can be accessed virtually via <u>Verizon Innovative Learning HQ</u>, Verizon's free education portal, available at Verizon.com/Learning, that makes next-gen learning tools available to all K-12 educators nationwide. Free registration can be found on <u>Eventbrite</u>.

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About Digital Promise

Digital Promise is a nonprofit organization that builds powerful networks and takes on grand challenges by working at the intersection of researchers, entrepreneurs, and educators. Our vision is that all people, at every stage of their lives, have access to learning experiences that help them acquire the knowledge and skills they need to thrive and continuously learn in an ever-changing world. For more information, visit the <u>Digital Promise website</u> and follow <u>@digitalpromise</u> for updates.

About Verizon Innovative Learning

Verizon Innovative Learning, Verizon's award-winning education initiative, is celebrating 10 years of addressing barriers to digital inclusion for students and teachers. Since 2012, the program has committed \$1 billion in market value to support digital equity, reaching over 1.5 million students. Verizon Innovative Learning provides free technology, internet access and innovative learning programs to students in under-resourced communities - enabling students to develop the skills, knowledge and confidence needed to build an innovative workforce of the future. In 2021, Verizon launched Verizon Innovative Learning HQ, a next-gen online education portal that provides free access to immersive XR educational experiences to all educators, including K-12 teachers, nationwide. A key initiative under Citizen Verizon, the company's responsible business plan for economic, environmental and social advancement, Verizon Innovative Learning is helping to drive the company's commitment to provide 10 million youths with digital skills training by 2030. Learn more at <u>CitizenVerizon.com</u>.

