



Hudson City School District Accepted into National Network of Innovative School Districts

Hudson City School District joins Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools, and will connect with other leading school systems to advance equity and excellence

September 14, 2022, Hudson, NY – Hudson City School District was accepted into the League of Innovative Schools, a national coalition of forward-thinking K-12 school districts organized by Digital Promise, a global nonprofit working to expand opportunity for every learner by bringing together solutions across research, practice, and technology.

Hudson City School District was selected from a competitive national pool of applicants based on its educational leadership, demonstrated commitment to equity and excellence, innovative vision for learning, and key achievements.

“We are excited to become part of this national network of schools focused on the achievement of every child. We look forward to working with our colleagues to learn from innovative practices and to advance equity and excellence for every scholar,” said Hudson City School District Superintendent Dr. Lisamarie Spindler.

The Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools, launched at the White House under President Barack Obama within the United States Department of Education in 2011, accepts new members through an open application process once per year.

The full list of members can be found at digitalpromise.org/districts.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on learning, but it has also emphasized the need to introduce innovative educational approaches to better meet students' needs,” said Dewayne J. McClary, senior director of Networks and Partnerships at Digital Promise. “The League strives to build a collaborative of close-knit districts that work together on shared priorities to design, validate, champion, and scale effective, innovative learning opportunities to advance equity and excellence for every student.”

League members are represented by their superintendent, who commits to:

- Attend biannual League meetings, which feature classroom visits, collaborative problem-solving, and relationship-building with peers and partners;
- Participate in League cohorts and research and development (R&D) pilots focusing on a broad range of topics relevant to the changing needs and priorities of school districts;
- Support Digital Promise research and provide critical feedback so it translates easily into classroom experiences and expands what we know about teaching and learning;
- Engage with entrepreneurs to advance edtech product development steeped in the latest learning science and meets district needs; and
- Participate in the League’s professional learning community by connecting with other members online, in person, and at each other’s school districts.

Working with educators, researchers, technology leaders, and communities, Digital Promise and the League of Innovative Schools provide an environment for superintendents and district leaders to share and learn from best practices; leverage research and participate in continuous improvement models; engage in R&D projects with peers to address education’s biggest challenges, and implement new technologies and innovations in their school systems.

The League will officially welcome new members at its fall meeting on October 19-21, 2021, held in-person in Los Angeles, CA. The new members’ entrance into the League extends the network’s reach to more than 150 districts across 38 states and expands its cumulative impact to 4.4 million students served over time.

For more information on the Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools, visit digitalpromise.org/league.

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About Hudson City School District

Located in the heart of Columbia County and overlooking the scenic Hudson River, the Hudson City School District’s three schools cover 50 acres on two campuses approximately half a mile apart. HCSD has nearly 600 employees and serves a diverse student population of about 1,700 (K-12).

About Digital Promise

Digital Promise is a global nonprofit working to expand opportunities for every learner. We work with educators, researchers, technology leaders, and communities to design, investigate, and scale innovations that support learners, especially those who've been historically and systematically excluded. Our vision is that every person engages in powerful learning experiences that lead to a life of well-being, fulfillment, and economic mobility. For more information, visit the [Digital Promise website](#) and follow [@digitalpromise](#) for updates.

