

# Leadership Webinar Series



**EdSurge**



## The 50 States Project



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# What is EdSurge?

EdSurge delivers insights and connects those exploring how technology can support equitable opportunities for all learners



Stories about education, by educators, wielding technology to try to make a difference for kids...

Since 2015, we've collected stories written by educators — teachers, librarians, technology specialists, administrators, superintendents and others — from every state and D.C.

# Going Back to School With the 2015 EdSurge Fifty States Project

<b>Major Themes</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Taking a National School Tour</b>	Educators invite you on a detailed tour of their schools and districts. Hear about how they've retooled the campus with technologies new and old.
<b>Water That PD, Grow Those Networks</b>	Personalizing PD is all the rage. Check out this section out for ideas and practices on badging, Twitter, fellowships, free conferences and more.
<b>Good Old American "How-To's"</b>	Looking to get the most out of iPads? Not sure what a great digital portfolio looks like? These educators will take you step-by-step through their most innovative practices with how-to's and guides.
<b>Say It Loud, Say It Proud</b>	How do educators really feel about technology, Common Core, and testing in the classroom? These pieces put their perspective at the forefront of the design and use of technology.

# Going Back to School With the 2016 EdSurge Fifty States Project

<b>Major Themes</b>	<b>Description</b>
<a href="#"><u><b>How-To's from Inside the Classroom</b></u></a>	Step-by-step guides on everything from social-emotional learning to classroom management strategies in a tech-rich environment.
<a href="#"><u><b>Making Data Work</b></u></a>	Data, privacy, assessments—you've heard all about it. How are educators collecting and using data to tailor and improve instruction and practices?
<a href="#"><u><b>Educators Know Professional Development</b></u></a>	Strategies for revamping PD, from addressing individual needs to addressing statewide professional development programs.
<a href="#"><u><b>What Educators Want from Digital Tools</b></u></a>	Educators give their honest opinions—what are they looking for from digital tools? Have they or their schools somehow added their own flare to existing tools?

# What Personalized Learning Looks Like Across the Country: The 2017 Fifty States Project

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**Why Personalized Learning: Then vs. Now**

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**Project Goals: To Celebrate Best Practices**

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**Personalized Learning: Still a Problematic  
Term**

# Theme 1: Defining 'Personalized Learning'



**Finding Your Happy Place Along the Problematic 'Personalized Learning' Continuum**

Jennie Magiera, Illinois

A Continuum of Personalized Learning



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Differentiation

Authentic  
Inquiry-Based  
Learning



**My Personalized Learning Approach Isn't About Tech. It's About Dignity.**

Valerie Gates, Utah



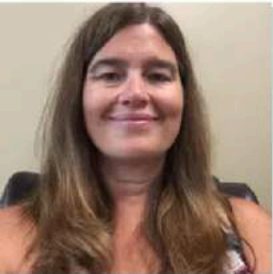
**Personalized Learning,  
The Navajo Way**

Mark Sorensen, Arizona





# Theme 2: The Approaches & the Technology



## Rewriting the Game of School: An Alternative Model for Learning

Johnna Noll, Wisconsin



## Providing the Right Guidance and Guardrails to Support Student Voice and Choice

Jeff Heyck-Williams, Washington D.C.



## How to Get Engagement, Growth and Stickiness When Teaching Kids to Write

Ann Whitehair, Ohio

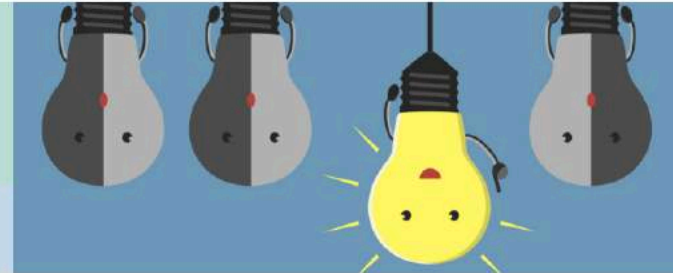


# Theme 3: Preparing Teachers



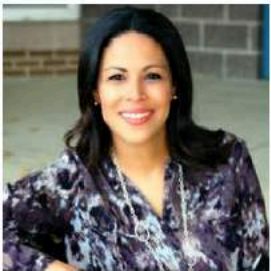
## **From Blah to Aha! Your Guide for Personalizing Professional Development**

Desiree Alexander, Louisiana



## **Want Your Students to Remember You in 20 Years? Hold Weekly Data Conferences**

Stacey Walker, Idaho



## **Your Guide to Running a School Like Disney World**

Lynn Colón, Virginia



# Theme 4: Challenges Along the Way



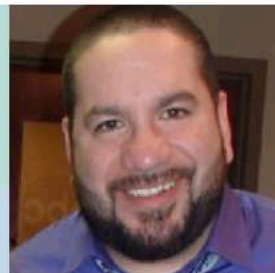
**How Personalized Learning Starts with Less Teacher Talk, More Student Voice**

Angela Cooper, North Carolina



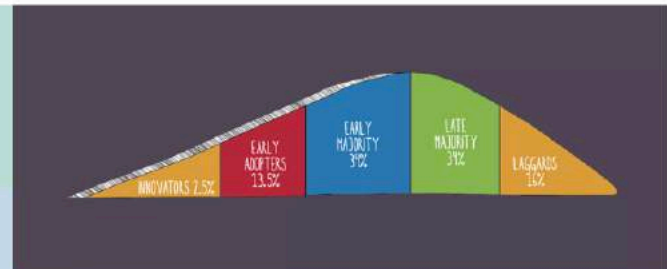
**STEAM Box Offers Disengaged Students a Path to Empowerment: Choice**

Roberto Gonzalez, Rhode Island



**Frederick County's Call to Administrators: Focus on the "Innovator" and "Early Adopter"**

Dr. Kevin Cuppett, Maryland



## Defining 'Personalized Learning'

- Not a black/white, either/or proposition
- Tech in service of strengthening human relationships
- Lasting relationships extend beyond school
- Culturally and locally responsive

## Approaches & Technology

- Student-driven lessons and activities
- Shifting teachers' roles
- School-wide changes
- Role of technology
- Essential platforms and programs

## Preparing Teachers

- Diversify PD format
- Invest time in making data relevant and meaningful for learners
- Attitude can be as important as aptitude
- The power of parents

## Challenges Along the Way

- Shifting mindsets & buy-in
- Scaling PL system-wide
- At risk tech-first initiatives
- Learning from the past

# Up Close and Personal: Chronicling Learning Practices Across the Nation



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## 28 Stories Found in the Southwest

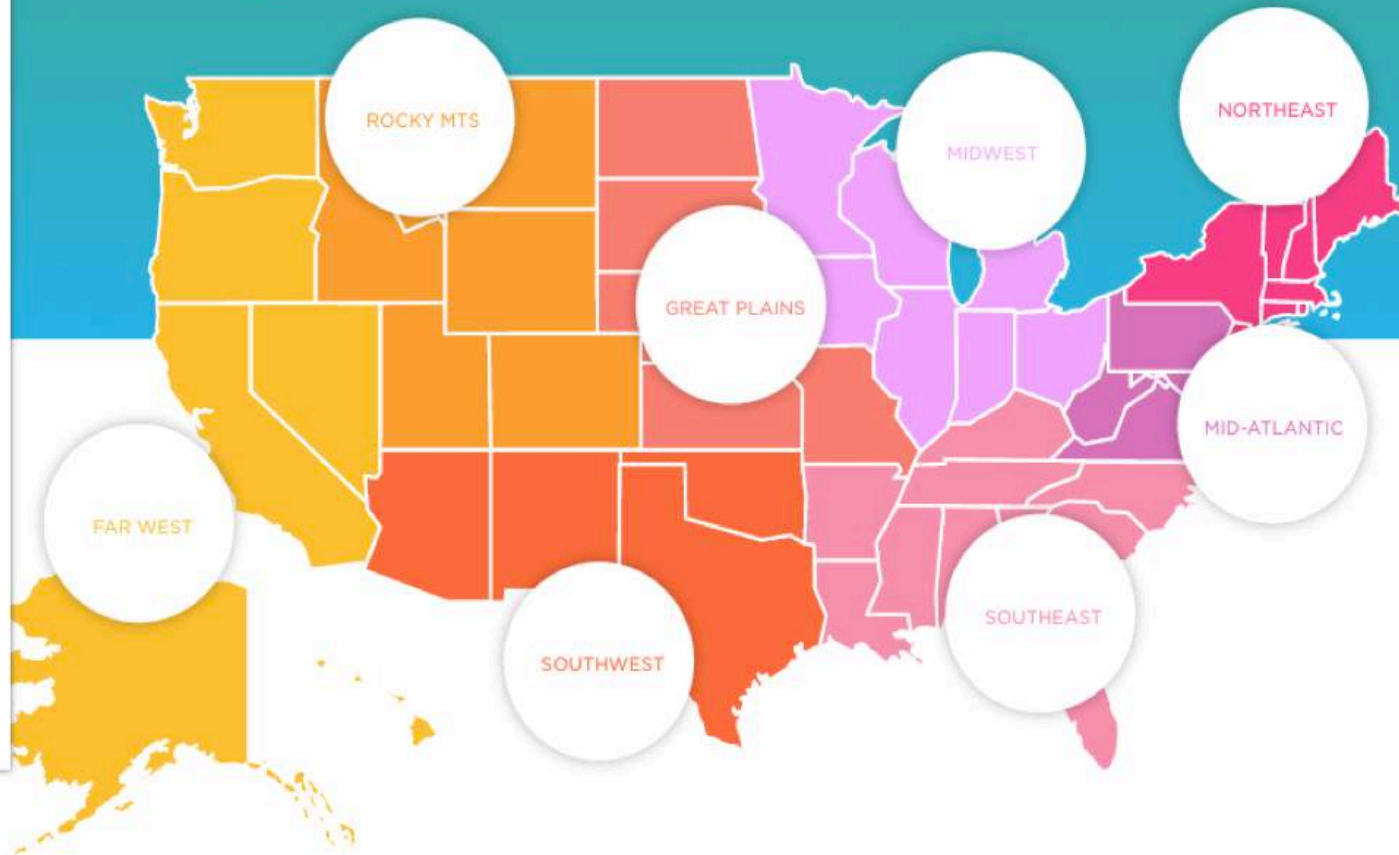
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