EMPOWERING STUDENT VOICE AND CHOICE
TO DELIVER PERSONALIZED EDUCATION

K-12 educators are giving students voice and choice in the types of instructional programs and techniques used—both to align better with individual learning requirements, preferences, and talents and to prepare students for success in their college educations, careers, and lives. Here’s why:

- **85%** of tomorrow’s jobs haven’t been invented yet.

At a teachers’ conference, when I asked the group if they felt we were doing a good job of preparing students for the real world, almost no hands went up. We had to make a change.

—Eddie Millwood, Principal, Hall County School District, Georgia

Students are the most important part of education, yet are often the least heard.

—Stuvoice.org

Once teachers understand personalized learning and are comfortable with it, classrooms can give students more choice in how they get their information and how they display their mastery of the material.

—Eddie Millwood, Principal, Hall County School District, Georgia

It [technology] is really a tool that can help students achieve their full potential and pursue the topics that are important to them in their education.

—Tara Subramaniam, Cofounder, Student Voice

Empowering student voice and choice is the foundation for personalizing learning to accommodate students’ personalities, learning styles, and preferences while delivering relevant education.

Educators need to invest in preparing our students for what’s to come.

Skills that will be needed for the workplaces of the future:

- **EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE**
- **TECHNOLOGICAL LITERACY**
- **OBJECTIVE JUDGMENT**

Building student voice and choice through a Student Bill of Rights

Student Voice, founded in 2012, as a student-run nonprofit organization, created a Student Bill of Rights in an effort to work with educators and students to incorporate student voice and choice in teaching and learning.

Giving students voice and choice requires a cultural shift in how school districts operate and in the way educators, administrators, parents, and students think about learning.

Change happens with small steps

Hall County established best practices for the new learning and teaching model using a small group of educators and students before broadening it across its entire network of schools.

Technology plays a supporting role

Although technology is a means to support personalizing learning, it should play an enabling—not leading—role.

Benefits of Hall County School District’s student-voice-and-choice personalized learning initiative:

- Improved grades and student involvement
- More thorough college and workplace preparation
- Empowerment for individual learning styles, talents, and interests
- Freedom from unproductive restrictions on when and where education can happen
- A powerful arsenal of practical tools to make learning relevant and impactful
- Better educational equity in delivering learning to students from all backgrounds
- Ongoing improvements in teaching and learning practices

Standardized learning, as it is still widely practiced, does not benefit all students.

K-12 education is struggling to keep pace with the rate of technological change.

Watch how Dell EMC Education Strategists work with Carteret School District to give students a voice in their learning.

**Creative Thinking**

**Logic**