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***BREAKING THROUGH THE TRADITIONAL  
EDUCATION MODEL FOR NEXT GEN LEARNING***

*New Report Showcases Schools, Challenges and Early Successes of  
Implementing a Personalized Learning School Model*

**SEATTLE, WA-** November 5, 2014 - The [Getting Smart](#) team, with support from [Next Generation Learning Challenges](#) (NGLC), released [Lighting the Path to Personalized Learning: Inspiring Stories from Next Gen Schools](#) today, a report outlining the stories of 14 schools across the United States that are reimagining public education and providing a new, personalized, learning experience for students.

“For the past year, we visited and learned from these next gen schools,” said Dr. Carri Schneider, Director of Policy & Research with Getting Smart. “We saw how they are breaking through the traditional model of school to present students with learning experiences that are personalized and engaging.”

The schools profiled represent a mix of charters and regular in-district schools. Each school profiled is a recipient of an NGLC grant, and must adhere to three Personalized Learning School Design Attributes that are key to next gen public education:

1. High Expectations for College Readiness,
2. Personalized Learning for All Students, and
3. Optimized for Scale.

“These schools are ground breakers and game changers,” said Andy Calkins, Deputy Director of Next Generation Learning Challenges. “They are developing new, very different learning environments that hold the promise of significantly improved college and career preparation.”

The purpose of the report, is to share the challenges and innovations of these schools, bring to light the lessons learned through their planning and launch phases, and provide inspiration to all those committed to making education better for students in the U.S. and across the world.

[Download the full report.](#)

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