

## MacKenzie Scott Makes Transformational \$20 Million Gift to Digital Promise

Investment will strengthen Digital Promise's impact on the education sector to achieve greater outcomes for every learner

**MARCH 7, 2022** | **Washington, D.C.** – Digital Promise has received a \$20 million gift from MacKenzie Scott, the single largest unrestricted gift in the organization's history. This catalytic investment will support Digital Promise as it pushes for bold solutions that can create equitable educational experiences to help prepare all learners for holistic, lifelong success.

"Digital Promise is grateful to MacKenzie Scott for this generous contribution," said Jean-Claude Brizard, president and CEO of Digital Promise. "Our team is honored by the vote of confidence and the responsibility that this gift brings. We are excited to apply it toward strategic investments in our infrastructure and in programs that can spark significant, positive impacts in the lives of learners and educators in the U.S. and around the world."

Digital Promise is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization with a mission to accelerate innovation in education and improve opportunities to learn for all learners. Since its launch in 2011, Digital Promise has worked with a wide range of partners and practitioners in the U.S. and around the world. It has developed dozens of programs that have placed the organization at the cutting edge of research, practice, and technology innovation. These include the League of Innovative Schools, Verizon Innovative Learning Schools, the Center for Inclusive Innovation, the Learner Variability Project, a robust ecosystem of micro-credentials and educational technology product certifications, and a team of the top learning sciences researchers in education.

Following its 10-year anniversary in fall 2021, Digital Promise unveiled a new strategic framework and North Star goals to guide its work in the next decade and beyond. The strategic approach emphasizes building on the organization's existing programs and networks to achieve greater outcomes for learners. It also includes an explicit focus on meeting the needs and aspirations of learners who are historically and systematically excluded, including students from low-income backgrounds, rural students, students with learning differences, and Black, Indigenous, and Latino students.

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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 <a href="Digital">Digital</a>
<a href="Promise website">Promise website</a> and follow <a href="@digitalpromise">@digitalpromise</a> for updates.

