

# Change One Room



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# School Reform for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

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How can state policy support school reform efforts that create learning environments relevant to the social, economic and global workforce realities of the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Reality

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# Personalized Learning

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“Students are surrounded by a personalized and engaging world outside of school, but they’re unplugging their minds and their passions too often when they enter into our schools.”

-- *Mark Schniderman, Senior Director of Education Policy  
Software & Information Industry Association  
Personalized Learning Symposium, August 2010*

# Five Essential Elements

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1. Flexible, Anytime, Everywhere Learning
2. Redefine the Role of Teachers
3. Interdisciplinary Project-based, Authentic Learning
4. Student-Driven Learning Path
5. Pace and Progression Based on Competency and Mastery

# What Will It Take?

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- A culture shift at all levels and for all stakeholders
- Cross-discipline teams of teachers
- Revised educator preparation programs
- Community collaboration and exploration
- Effective use of technology
- Equitable school funding
- State and local policies that incentive, recognize and reward schools that implement student-driven personalized learning.

# Leverage Federal Policies and Funding

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- The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) permits states to:
  - Consider individual student growth and focus on personalized learning in new forms of state assessment
  - Pilot competency-based models
  - Allow school districts to use Title IV, Part A funds for technology, including digital platforms that facilitate personalized learning.
- Schools may use Carl D. Perkins Career Education Act for technology, equipment, professional development and more.

# What Does a School Look Like?

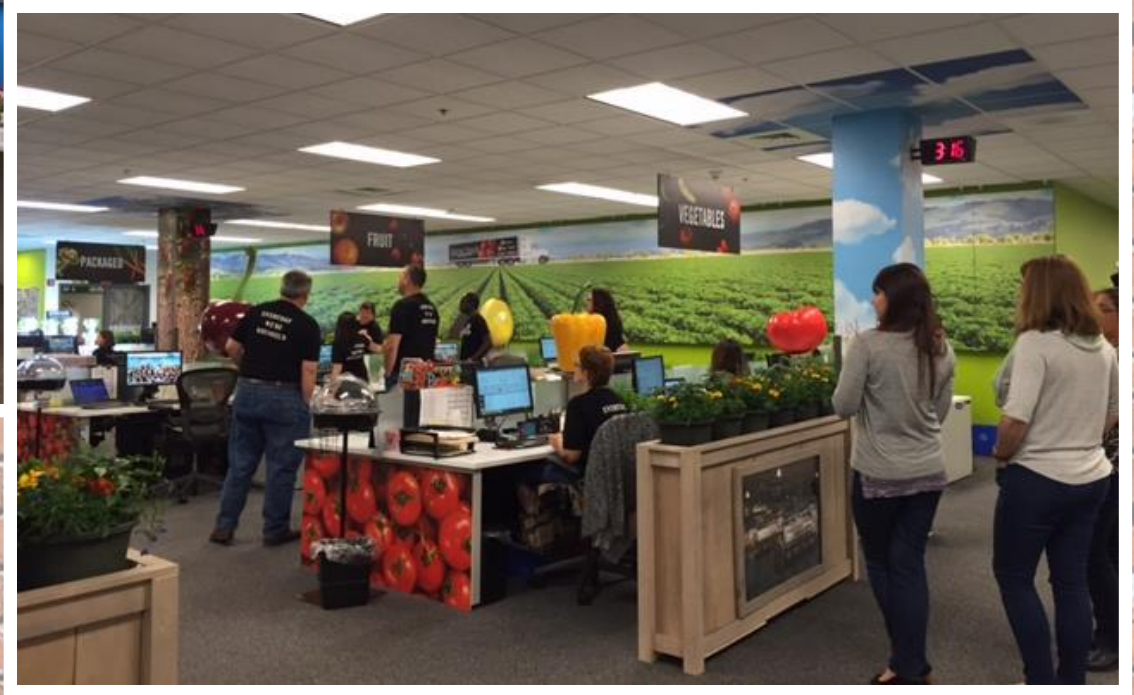
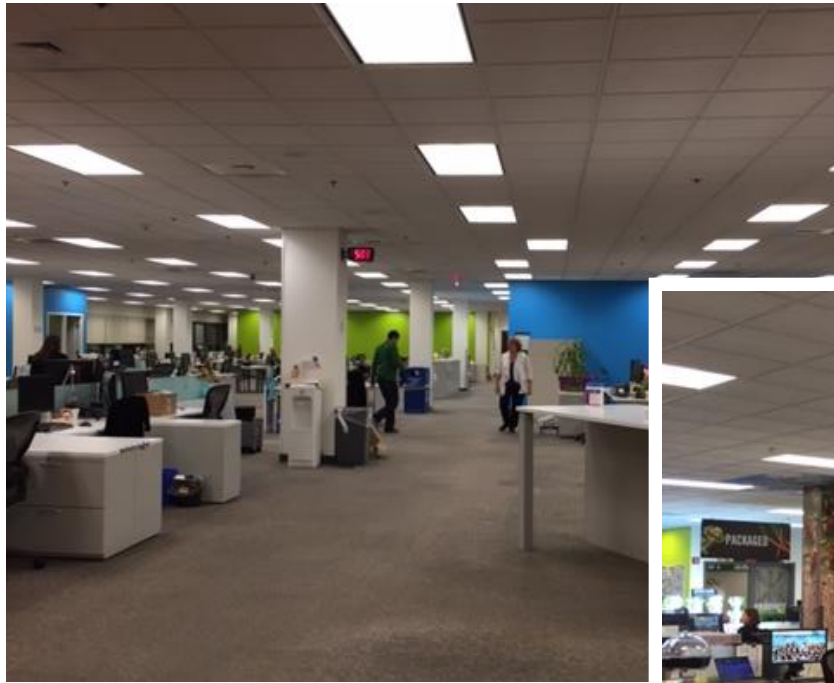
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# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workplace

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**Let's transform learning spaces...**

**Give students real-world skill sets and expectations...**

**Change the culture...**

**Create a movement!**

# Transform Learning Spaces

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# Albemarle County School District

## Charlottesville, VA

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# Makerspace To Student Space

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Albemarle County Schools' Journey From a Makerspace to a Maker District

Albemarle County Schools, Charlottesville, VA

<http://www.edutopia.org/school/albemarle-county-public-schools>

# Break Down Walls, Build Your future

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What our kids can do!!!

**Video created by:**

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# What Will You Do To **Change One Room?**

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