WHAT WOULD LEARNING LOOK LIKE IF STUDENTS WERE IN CHARGE?

Students say they like learning when:
- 68%: It is about how to do things*
- 59%: It is about ideas
- 54%: It is about how to make or build things
- 51%: They are in control of the learning process

Online or In-School?

- 65%: Grade 6-12 students that say they learn best in an online classroom
- 17%: Grade 6-12 students that say they learn best in a physical classroom

Online or In-School?

- 80%: Online
- 60%: In-school

Students say these learning experiences will prepare them for future success:
- Language: Learning a second language
- Community: Engaging with the local community on collaborative projects
- Leadership: Being part of a leadership group at school
- Real world: Participating in authentic problem-solving around real-world issues
- Job: Having work experience or internship

Communication Preferences

- Personal Email: 63%
- Text message: 62%
- Two-way messaging apps: 60%
- Twitter: 59%

Using a digital learning device to support reading:
- K-2: 47%
- Gr. 3-5: 32%
- Gr. 6-8: 30%
- Gr. 9-12: 30%

Technology:
- Using technology outside of school to pursue self-directed learning

Communication Preferences

Best tools for communicating general school info to students:
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- Text message: 62%
- Two-way messaging apps: 60%
- Twitter: 59%

Technology:
- Facilitates better collaborations with classmates

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*Students in grades 6-12