How America's Schools Are Addressing the
HOMEWORK GAP

With the "**digital divide**," the focus was on the students who did not have access to technology or the internet outside of school. With the "**homework gap**," our new focus is on the quality of that access to technology and the internet outside of school. Access should be:

- In environments that are **safe** for students
- **High-quality** speed and bandwidth
- Consistent and **reliable**
- With tools that are **appropriate** for schoolwork

44%
of **principals** say ensuring student access to technology outside of school (digital equity) is a major challenge today

Compared to only 12% of principals 10 years ago

13%
of **students** in grades 6-12 say sometimes they cannot do homework because they lack internet access outside of school

53% of teachers say they need confidence that their students have access to consistent and safe Internet outside of school in order to effectively integrate technology in the classroom

HOMEWORK GAP STUDENTS ARE RESOURCEFUL

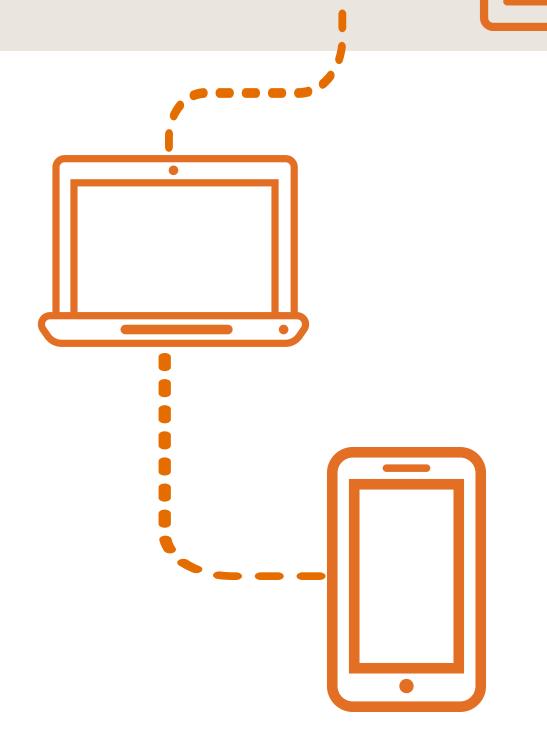**Students impacted by the homework gap find ways to get online to do homework.**

53%	36%	30%
Go to school early or stay late	Go to fast food restaurants or cafés	Go to the public library

HOW SCHOOLS & DISTRICTS ARE ADDRESSING THE HOMEWORK GAP

	DOING THIS	CONSIDERING	NO PLANS
Allowing students on campus before/after school	65%	19%	16%
Telling students to download assignments to USB sticks	54%	17%	29%
Encouraging public libraries to give students priority	51%	22%	26%
Discouraging homework that is digital or online	41%	20%	40%
Providing wifi in parking lots	41%	16%	42%
Working with fast food restaurants to provide safe spaces for students	17%	24%	58%
Putting wifi hotspots on school buses	6%	30%	65%
Paying for home internet for low-income families	4%	14%	83%

47%

of school **tech leaders** say the homework gap is a major challenge associated with implementing more cloud solutions
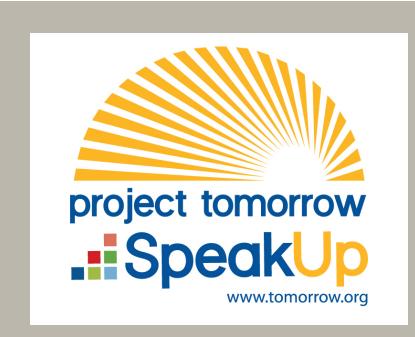
TECH LEADERS PREDICT HIGH GROWTH BY 2019 AMONG MULTIPLE ONLINE TOOLS & APPROACHES

53%
Blended learning model

36%
Online textbooks

29%
Online classes for students