

# WHAT IF school looked like this?

## EXPERIENCE

Next Generation Schools create an entirely new learning experience:

- Learning coaches guide students throughout their educational journey.
- Students have choices on how, where and when to learn.

*It's so cool! I get my own learning coach! She meets with me and my parents to talk about what I need to learn. I take classes online, in school and sometimes do projects in the virtual reality lab.*

## ASSESSMENT

Next Generation Schools take student assessment to the next level:

- Projects help identify mastery, learning needs and gaps. Students show what they learn in e-portfolios.
- High quality tests mark the transition points between elementary, secondary and postsecondary education.
- Credit for rigorous non-classroom experience is common.
- A data system tracks student progress in a central location.

*The projects I do show my teachers what I'm learning and help make sure I'll remember everything I learn. That way, I'll be ready for the test I have to take to move on in school.*

## STRUCTURES

Next Generation Schools provide students, families and communities with options:

- Regional learning centers formed voluntarily by cooperating districts will enhance thriving community high schools and provide a central resource for smaller communities.
- Educators have the opportunity to contract as district-hired teachers or as independent consultants.

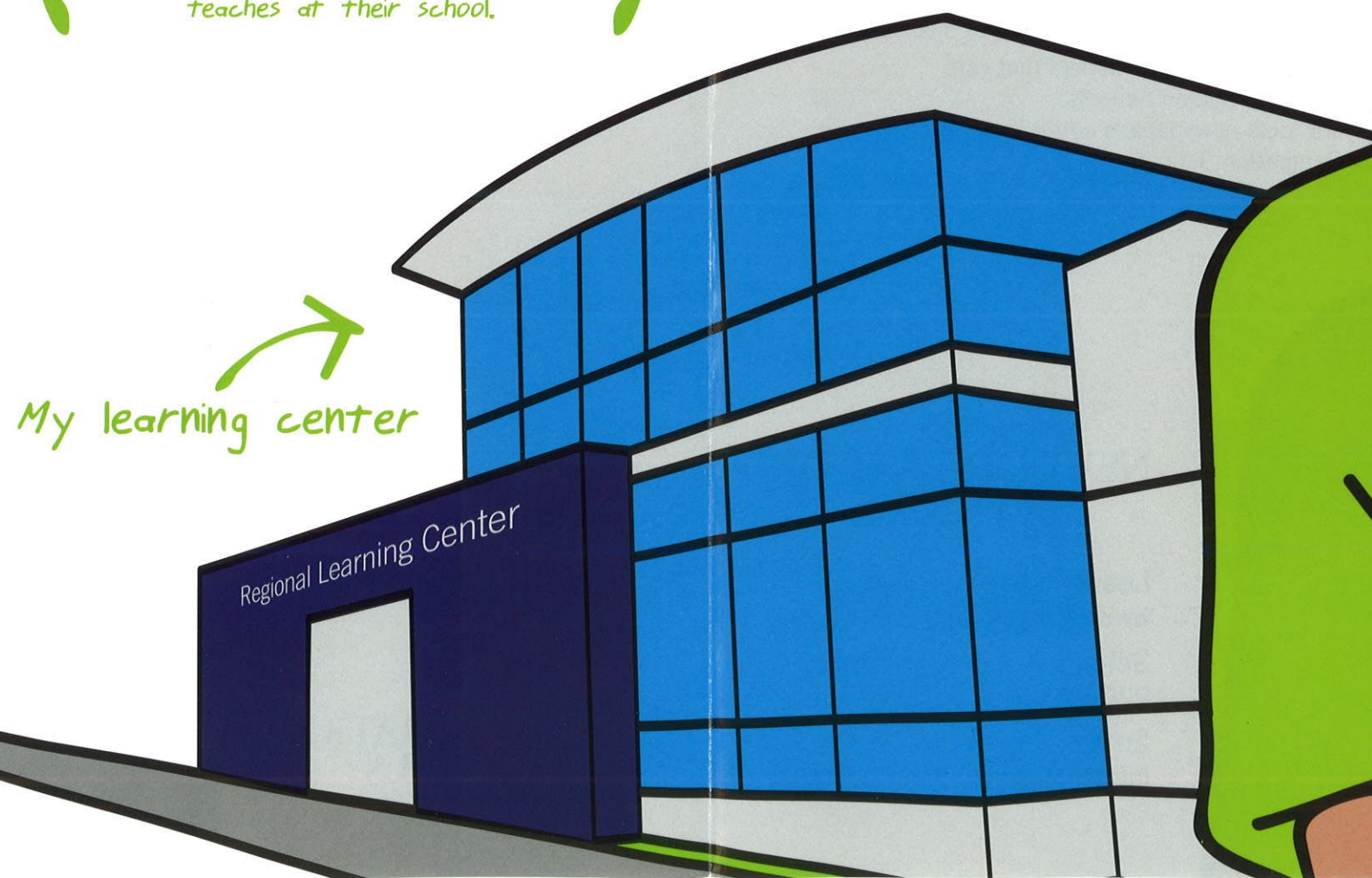
*I've met lots of kids from different towns working on projects – and, sometimes we work with kids in other countries! My learning coach knows some of the kids – because she teaches at their school.*

## BUSINESS MODEL

Next Generation Schools find new sources of support and team up to save money:

- Districts save money through cooperative contracts for products and services.
- Venture capital from corporate pledges support new initiatives.

*Y'know what's cool? Three kids in my class figured out how schools can save money by having 10 schools buy paper towels at the same time! Another class got a company to sponsor our virtual reality lab. We give tours all the time. We like to show off our school.*



*"Hi, I'm Ted.  
I'm going to show you  
how Next Generation Schools  
will make a difference for  
students like me."*





# 11 WAYS You Can Help

## Be informed.

1. Learn more about Next Generation Schools at [www.nextgenerationschools.org](http://www.nextgenerationschools.org)
2. Subscribe to the Next Generation Schools e-newsletter.
3. Follow @NextGenSchool on Twitter®.

## Spread the word.

4. Tell 5 friends why Next Generation Schools matter to you.
5. 'Like' the Next Generation Schools page on Facebook®.
6. Write an editorial or a blog post about the need for Next Generation Schools.
7. Share the Next Generation Schools video with your Facebook friends. (Find it on YouTube.)
8. Schedule a presentation at your church, service club or book group.

## Advocate.

9. Encourage your school or district to get involved.
10. Tell your local and state leaders that you want Next Generation Schools.
11. Ask your local newspaper's editor to support Next Generation Schools.

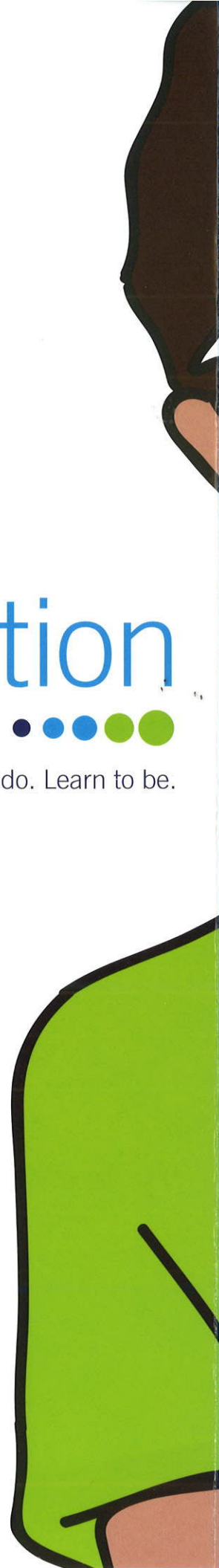


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Learn to learn. Learn to do. Learn to be.



"Things just aren't working out the way they once did. A few kids from my older sister's class dropped out before graduation because they were really bored. Now, her best friend started classes online, instead of at the public school."

## WICKED PROBLEMS

CESA 6 and its member schools are facing some "wicked problems," problems shared by all Wisconsin schools:

- alienation of students
- growing competition
- rapid technological change
- comfort with 'old-school education'
- an unsustainable financial model

These "wicked problems" prompted them to ask a key question: What if we could redesign schools for the 21st Century?

## NEXT GENERATION SCHOOLS

The goal is to create Next Generation Schools that engage students, more adequately address the needs of students, families and businesses and more sustainably fund districts.

To do this, CESA 6 and its member districts will develop:

- a new model of innovative knowledge assessment, data and personalized planning
- new, collaborative learning structures
- a more sustainable business model

What does that mean?  
I'll show you inside.