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Norwalk Public Schools Joins National League Learning Collaboratives to Elevate AI Literacy

Norwalk Public Schools joins 60 other leading school districts to participate in Digital Promise's League Learning Collaboratives to address key initiatives that matter most to schools and communities.

Norwalk, Conn. (Oct. 1, 2025) - In 2024, Norwalk Public Schools joined the League of Innovative Schools (The League), a national network of school districts that connects and supports the nation's most forward-thinking leaders in education. The League is dedicated to innovative learning and leadership practices to achieve equitable outcomes for every student. One key way superintendents and district leaders realize such innovation and change is through the League Learning Collaboratives (LLCs).

The 2025-26 LLCs focus on pressing topics in education, including AI literacy, career readiness and workforce development, and educator recruitment and retention. League leaders choose the learning collaborative in which they want to participate based on their district's needs and interests, and meet regularly to engage in peer-to-peer learning, co-create solutions, and share best practices.

Norwalk Public Schools is specifically participating in the AI Literacy LLC to align its AI initiatives with the district's Portrait of a Graduate framework, with the ultimate goal of advancing digital equity. Through this work, every student, regardless of background, will have the opportunity to develop the skills and competencies needed to thrive in a world increasingly shaped by artificial intelligence.

"At Norwalk Public Schools, we believe preparing students for the future means equipping them with the knowledge and skills to navigate emerging technologies safely and responsibly," said Dr. Alexandra Estrella, Superintendent of Norwalk Public Schools. "By engaging in the AI



Literacy Learning Collaborative, we are committed to developing thoughtful policies and practices that both safeguard our learning environments and empower students and educators to harness the power of artificial intelligence in meaningful, ethical, and innovative ways. This partnership ensures that our district not only keeps pace with technological change but also leads with intention, equity, and care for every learner.”

Organized by Digital Promise and facilitated by current or former superintendents with extensive experience in these focus areas, LLCs provide an interactive space for school district leaders across roles to discuss and explore tangible strategies for addressing shared problems of practice around these key issues. Each collaborative centers on a topic directly aligned to the Digital Promise Challenge Map—areas nationally identified as critical for student success.

“Education leaders regularly face new evolving challenges that directly impact teaching and learning,” said Tasia King, network learning experience designer at Digital Promise.

“Continuous learning opportunities that directly address those big issues, like the learning opportunities offered through the LLCs, give district leaders the insights and tools to tackle those challenges and foster innovation throughout their districts.”

Over the next six months, Norwalk Public Schools will join other leading districts across the nation to explore challenges, share promising practices, and collaborate toward meaningful, common goals. These professional learning communities provide a supportive space to gain new ideas, receive accountability for implementation, and strengthen the impact of the network by fostering innovation and accelerating growth.

Through the LLCs, Norwalk Public Schools can contribute to a national community of practice while bringing back tested strategies, leadership insights, and tangible outputs that can be applied to strengthen our schools and directly benefit our students and educators.

In all, school and district leaders from 61 school districts across 19 states will participate in one or more learning collaboratives for the 2025-26 school year.

For more information on the League of Innovative Schools’s League Learning Collaboratives and a full list of district participants, visit:

digitalpromise.org/initiative/league-of-innovative-schools/league-learning-collaboratives/.

About Norwalk Public Schools: At Norwalk Public Schools, our mission is to provide an excellent and equitable education so that all students graduate future-ready as civically responsible, globally engaged and positive contributors to an ever-changing and diverse world. Reflecting our diverse community, NPS families speak 51 different languages and represent



many countries from around the world.

Norwalk Public Schools includes 13 elementary schools, four middle schools, four high schools, one K-8 school, and a range of Pre-K programs serving children with both typical and special needs. Starting in Fall 2025, the district now offers a comprehensive K-12 International Baccalaureate (IB) continuum, providing globally recognized, rigorous academic opportunities from the early years through graduation.

Elementary students can explore magnet programs in language, character, marine science, arts, and college readiness, while neighborhood schools offer strong community connections. Middle schoolers build on their interests through unique programs that help guide their high school choices. At the high school level, students gain hands-on experience, earn college credits and certifications, and engage in global learning, with growing pathways that prepare them for diverse career opportunities.