Community Initiatives Videos and Weblinks

IOWA BIG

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xpRhalH-Uvc>

Overview of the Iowa BIG educational model and differences from time-based education.

<https://projectbbq.com/BBQ/public.php>

Real time project board for Iowa Big

<http://edreimagined.staging.wpengine.com/conversation-trace-pickering/>

Interview – year 3 lessons learned

Learners at Iowa BIG generate new innovations, solve problems for their neighbors, and think critically about the challenges of their community. Started in 2013, this program coordinates with the area’s high schools to have learners split their time between traditional classes and Iowa BIG projects. These projects originate from companies and organizations that have untapped ideas and challenges they can’t resource. So, when an Iowa BIG learner takes up the challenge—it’s a win-win.

When working on their projects, learners come to a co-located space in downtown Cedar Rapids—putting them side by side with local entrepreneurs and million dollar companies. This co-working space has a profound effect on learners. When they’re at Iowa BIG, they aren’t just students—they’re inventors, creators, designers. And they know no limits.

Even when they return to their traditional high schools, their work and accomplishments follow them. Iowa BIG is a fully **competency-based**environment. Learners are tracked standard-by-standard as they move through their projects, ensuring the highest level of mastery.

As learners explore the possibilities of their projects, highly qualified staff record experiences and products using proprietary software to ensure progress. Rather than build a pre-fabbed curriculum, at Iowa BIG their community is their curriculum.

Iowa BIG now has nearly 100 learners on board and is collaborating with 120+ business partners. Together they’re working on 40+ different initiatives. The learners have innovated and created in the fields of marketing, computer science, public works, STEM, advanced manufacturing, environmental issues, logistics, and many more.At Iowa BIG, real life starts now.

TIGER VENTURES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XTXObe6JGRc>

Tiger Ventures is a high school fully integrated with a new venture incubator. Created by the school district, it will serve as a site to assist in the economic growth and sustainability of the community and as an educational partner - providing both internships for students as part of their school day and professional development for teachers and staff.

The partnership between a new venture incubator housed in the school and the students’ full participation in tackling real world opportunities and problems will transform their high school experience as well as helping the new ventures expand and thrive.

Tiger Ventures is a place where our graduates will take their creativity, ingenuity and entrepreneurial spirit to reinvent both their community and the country.

PDF on Tiger Ventures at Station

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<http://innovationgenerationohio.com>