

We Thought We Knew it All

Our story about a new school with iPads

Battle High School

and

Columbia, Mo

- Muriel Battle High School opened in 2013 after 6 years of planning
- BHS is one of 3 high schools in Columbia and we are the highest SES school in town (~60%FRL)
- Columbia is a stereotypical college town with a population of about 100,000 and around 18,000 students K-12

We were right about

- Need Teacher PD
 - Focus on instruction, not personal use
- Paper replacement is a place good start
 - S-A-M-R model
- “Informal” training/leadership is key
 - Leaders need to experience tools early

We were wrong about

- There's an app for that TM
- Digital natives
- Paper replacement will lead to “deeply digital” materials
- Unlocked iPads for all students.

What I still need

- Content
 - Allow for Teacher customization
 - Ensure cohesion around important topics
- P.D.
 - What does good tech teaching look like?
- Time to fail and figure it out
 - Teachers learn a lot by failed lessons – Just like kids
 - A few states have thrown out CCSS before it took hold