Because big challenges demand brave solutions

Ready for Something Different?

Are you exhausted? Is your district community struggling just to make it through each day?

But do you also believe now is an unprecedented opportunity for an education revolution?

Do you want to look ahead to a more equitable future for your students instead of looking back to how school was before COVID?

Bravely is designed for you and for this moment!

What Is Bravely?

Bravely is a new, national network of school district cohorts participating in a year-long renewable change journey designed to help districts discover how to transform student learning districtwide.

District teams will learn about, experience, and apply effective change practices to solve systemic challenges or inequities they identify. Teams work with peers, skilled facilitators, and content experts in virtual convenings, mini-courses, community of practice meetings, and coaching sessions to address challenges that, when successful, will lead to more equitable “next gen” learning.

We fundamentally believe district peers are the best people to learn with and from because of their experience, credibility, and actionable insights on leading change that transforms learning. That’s why high-trust, intensive communities of practice are at the heart of Bravely.

The only way to solve your biggest challenges is together. They only way to reimagine what schools can be and make it happen is together.

Who Is Bravely for?

Bravely is for future-focused, courageous K-12 school district teams that seek connection and support for their district change idea. It’s for anyone ready to take a brave leap in equitable, deeper learning redesign to meet this moment—when our democracy, our lands, and our communities require dedicated, committed action in K-12 education. We are looking for communities that are committed to take action on these 3 Brave Agreements:

To re-envision success comprehensively and equitably, enabling core academic and life skills for each and every student

To transform learning fundamentally, putting students at the center, as the only way to bring our revitalized vision of success to life

To lead, learn, and model our vision of success organizationally, as our operating norms, to ensure that these changes endure

How Bravely Is Different

You’ve done trainings, hired consultants, taken executive courses, and attended workshops—with mixed results. Now it’s time to transform learning in your district with Bravely!

Liberatory Next Gen Learning
Unite your goals for student-centered learning and equity

Strengths-Based
Tap into good work already underway and draw on the assets within your community

Your Vision
Don’t start something new, ground your Bravely journey in your strategic vision, local context and capacity, and changes that are already underway

Culture and Practice
Address mindsets and climate as well as instructional strategies and policies

Grounded in Practice
Use change practices that successful districts have used, often learning about them directly from those peers

Community-Centered
Enable your district community to lead the transformation, centering those who are traditionally marginalized

Take Action to Learn
Create the conditions for long-term transformation as individuals develop their skills and your team achieves short-term ‘wins’

Like-Minded Peers
Forge lasting relationships with peers who can provide promising practices, advice, and fellowship
Why NGLC?
Over the past decade, NGLC has invested more than $90M in a range of innovations and school transformation efforts designed by educators, convening hundreds of teams seeking to address our sector’s most pressing challenges. Synthesizing what’s worked well and what hasn’t, we know how to help districts become more responsive to changing conditions and the needs/assets of community members. Bravely is the result.

The Bravely Experience

Your Bravely Journey of Design Cycles

Change doesn’t happen in a straight line.

At every stage of your work, you will learn about the impact of decisions you make along the way using a change cycle centered on equity design. You will bring voices of students, school & district staff, and community partners to the table locally.

You will exchange ideas and strategies with districts from across the country to expand those ideas, challenge each other, and explore new possibilities.

Try something different without being penalized for failing; this is about learning to make the conditions better for ALL humans in your district.

1. Bravely enter the space & commit to action
2. Bravely empathize & define your unique challenge with your home team
3. Be Bravely inspired
4. Bravely build your capacity
5. Be Bravely coached, connected, & start prototyping
6. Bravely implement your safe to fail idea
7. Bravely notice & reflect on results

Program Fee
For the 2022-23 pilot year, NGLC matching funds will cover half of the true cost ($80,000 per district per year), making the cost $40,000 for each participating district in 2022-23. Districts can elect to secure more personalized supports from NGLC or from any of the Bravely partner providers for an additional fee.

After Foundations, Choose Your Bravely Pathway

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