

Milwaukee Public Schools: Expands participation in Verizon Innovative Learning to four additional schools

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MILWAUKEE (September 20, 2021) — Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) is excited to announce four district middle schools will join [Verizon Innovative Learning](#), Verizon's award-winning education initiative, which addresses barriers to digital inclusion. In partnership with Digital Promise, the Verizon Innovative Learning Schools program provides free devices, internet access, and innovative learning programs to help give students the technology, education, and opportunity they deserve.

Grantosa Drive School, H.W. Longfellow School, Samuel Morse Middle School, and Wedgewood Park School are among 246 new schools joining Verizon Innovative Learning Schools for the 2021-22 school year, equipping nearly 183,000 new students with technology resources and bringing the program's impact to more than 500 schools nationwide. More than 250 devices will be provided to these schools as part of the program. These schools join [five other MPS schools which joined Verizon Innovative Learning](#) in Fall 2020. The market value of the Verizon Innovative Learning program's investment in the 1:1 device schools is on average more than \$2.3 million per school.

Powered by a next-gen, technology-infused education model, Verizon Innovative Learning equips each school with a technology coach and provides professional development support for teachers to effectively integrate technology into the classroom. Being part of the program will keep students connected, helping to facilitate learning from anywhere—in the classroom, at home, or in hybrid learning environments.

“So many students across the nation lack the access to technology and resources they need to be successful in today's digital world”, said Steven Shaw, of Verizon. “On behalf of Verizon, we are excited to help enable students in Milwaukee Public Schools to develop the skills, knowledge, and capabilities for a more promising

future.”

To celebrate MPS’ participation in the program, a kick-off event will feature students receiving their own devices. Representatives will be available to speak with media about the partnership.