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## **Closing Keynote**

**The Time Is Now: Students Take the Driver's  
Seat to Share Reflections on the Past to  
Inform Innovative, Student-Centered  
Education Transformation for the Future**

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October 27, 2021 | 1:45-2:45 p.m. ET

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# Learning Outcomes for Our Session

**Gain a deeper sense of empathy** regarding the challenges students are facing

**Key findings and best practices** that emerge from the session will inform innovations that offer the most promise for our young leaders and change-makers

**Leave with insights and concrete strategies** to share with your own school communities, catalyzing high school transformation at scale

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# CLOSING KEYNOTE

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## The Time is Now:

Students Take the Driver's Seat to Share Reflections on the Past to Inform Innovative, Student-Centered Education Transformation for the Future



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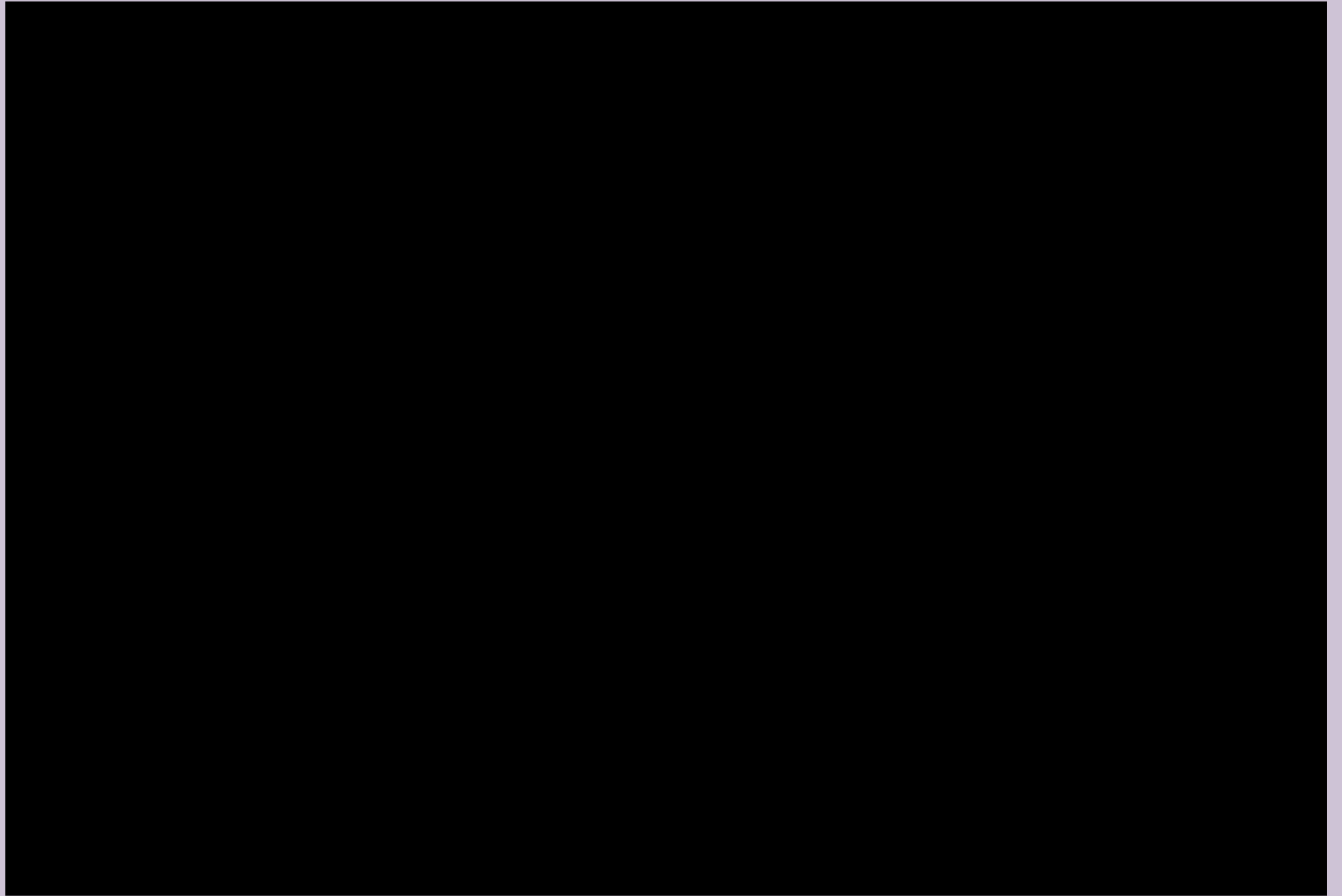
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## We asked some students how to #ReThinkHighSchool

Here's what they had to say...



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# XQ Learner Goals

## Masters of all fundamental literacies.

- + Building the academic core necessary to prepare for college, career, and life.
- + Critical readers.
- + Compelling writers.
- + Mathematical and numeric thinkers.
- + Data and visual thinkers.

## Generous collaborators for tough problems.

- + Self-aware team members who bring their strengths. Talent-seekers who find the expertise of others.
- + Essential co-creators—because of what they bring, and how they show up.
- + Inquisitive world citizens who seek out—and respect—diversity and diverse points of view.

## Original thinkers for an uncertain world.

- + Sense-makers—dealing with conflicting knowledge.
- + Generative thinkers—creating many ideas in ambiguous and new situations.
- + Creative thinkers—reframing, imagining, and seeing problems from different perspectives.

## Holders of foundational knowledge.

- + Curious people who are knowledgeable about the world. Its history and culture. Its sciences and underlying mathematics. Its biology and cultural currency.
- + Engaged participants who are key to creating a more just and functional democracy—who participate fully in all America has to offer.

## Learners for life.

- + Self-driven, self-directed. Curious learners—about themselves, and the world.
- + Inventors of their own learning paths, careers, and lives.

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"Now is the time to break through from the normal. Normal is not working anymore. High school needs to be a place to influence potential in students instead of force them into a box."



"We never got the full high school experience. Even though we came in a rough year, we're just as important. We need to feel that we didn't miss anything and that we're involved and welcome."



"We need to incorporate new teaching strategies not only structurally but also progressively. This means bringing in new technology as well as providing teachers with education on the latest developments."



"Students need the opportunity to connect our work outside of school with our work in school. We figure out how to manage time between our work in and out of school, but what if we could get school credit for both?"

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# Tools

**Badges**

**Student Voice's Roundtable  
Facilitation Guide**

**XQ Learner Goals**

**Student Agency and  
Engagement Module**

# Resources

**Choose High School Now**

**Student-Facing Resources**

→ High School Life Content

**XQ School Snapshots:**

→ Grand Rapids Public Museum School

→ Iowa BIG

→ Ponaganset

→ PSI High

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