

What Your Colleagues Are Saying . . .

Imagine you are climbing a mountain with a large group of people. Hard challenges lie ahead. Now imagine that you have the wisest and most capable, ingenious, clever, and informed trail guide you've ever met at your side, helping you plan and execute your climb. You feel better, don't you? If your "mountain-climb" is redesigning a school to serve students in this vastly challenging world, Grant Lichtman is that guide and this book is your trail map. Don't begin your climb without it.

—**Andy Calkins**, Director
Next Generation Learning Challenges

It's not enough to build some "new model of education." Change happens faster today than at any other time in history. What we need in education is a cultural and organizational shift that matches the intensity of the future we face. We need a culture of innovation and iteration, where we constantly build, launch, measure, and iterate the best learning and teaching practices we create. In this book, Grant Lichtman has laid out the exact future our schools face and what schools need to do to face this future head on. More than ever, we need a culture of innovation and iteration in our schools, and this book provides you with the tools you need to build and maintain a culture of innovation. Every school leader needs to read this book and use the tools to transform their schools to help students build the knowledge, skills, and abilities to take on the dramatic future they face!

—**Jaime Casap**, Chief Education Evangelist
Google

Grant Lichtman shares another outstanding book for school leaders, with clear, actionable ideas about how we can get our school organizations to thrive. This is a must-read for administrator- and community-group book studies.

—**Dr. Michael Lubelfeld**, Superintendent
Co-author, *The Unlearning Leader* and *Student Voice*

In *Thrive*, Grant Lichtman helps us understand that education is at a crossroads in our world. So that our schools do not go the way of the dinosaurs, he lays out the tools we need to manage strategic change and evolve our school systems to meet both the changing needs of our students and the changing demands of our society.

—**Dr. Nick Polyak**, Superintendent
Co-author, *The Unlearning Leader* and *Student Voice*

Grant Lichtman has done it again, this time setting the stage for one of the most important books for school leaders in our time. Lichtman provides insights and actionable tools for school leaders to navigate the dramatically changing future and role of schools to keep up in the era of school choice and to find relevance in a rapidly changing world. As a principal, this is exactly the type of book our colleagues have been waiting for!

—**Dr. Eric Chagala**, Principal
Vista Innovation Design Academy

As our society changes, so must our schools. Grant Lichtman has written a necessary book to help schools to develop their road maps to becoming more modern, more relevant, and more powerful places for all who inhabit them.

—**Chris Lehmann**, Founding Principal and CEO
Science Leadership Academy Schools
Co-author, *Building School 2.0*

In *Thrive*, Grant Lichtman brings together the best minds in education, business, research, history, philosophy, and also the futurists for a dynamic dialogue about “what is possible.” If you want to find out what “winning” looks like in school innovation, there isn’t a better collection of actual resources or real-time examples than right here! Thank you for making your journey available to all of us Grant!

—**Dr. David Miyashiro**, Superintendent
Cajon Valley Union School District

Once again, Grant Lichtman uses the power of the keyboard to provoke teachers, school leaders, and policymakers to think differently about schools and, most important, student learning. *Thrive* left me feeling optimistic about what the future of school can be for all students—regardless of school type or zip code—with some easy “next day” strategies alongside some difficult strategic choices that all schools will need, not just to survive but also to thrive in the future.

—**Glenn Whitman**, Teacher
Co-author, *Neuro-Teach: Brain Science and the Future of Education*

Grant Lichtman has written a powerful book that will help any district or system start to make change. This book will challenge your thinking in a good way. Grant breaks the book down into three sections that help make the material easy to understand. Each section has meaningful tools to help school leaders start to implement changes to impact their students. This should be a book used at the university level to inspire future leaders to enter this profession with a changed mindset.

—**Travis Lape**, Innovative Programs Director
Harrisburg School District, Sioux Falls, SD

This book comprises the magic trifecta of inspiration, practicality, and a kick in the pants when needed! If you are designing and implementing transformative change in your school, this book is your indispensable source for big ideas, practical tools, and heartfelt inspiration.

—**Julie Wilson**, Executive Director
Institute for the Future of Learning
Author, *The Human Side of Changing Education*