

New York's iSchool Initiative

The New York City iSchool initiative helps bring leading-edge education techniques to model four-year high schools.

Julian Cohen

Cisco has been a thought partner for us in this NYC 21C model development process. Cisco has a vision for what they see as Global Education. And that vision aligns with the vision that we have for what we want to see in schools in New York City.

What Cisco's been able to do for us is, first, they help us make that vision come alive, through conversations we've had with educational experts, with consultants that they've brought in, to help us flesh out what the vision has been. And through creating experiences for us, we've been able to bring principals and teachers and our local thought partners together to push deeper on what that vision has been about. And I think that Cisco never thought that it would stop with the iSchool, which is why we have another nine schools next year that we'll be able to go and look at and say, "Well, this is how it's done here."

Mable Moore

Having a partner like Cisco with Jefferson for our 21st Century Schools Initiative has been invaluable, in that we have participated not only in the infrastructure and the hardware, and in the classroom design, in the learning design, but also participated more in the curriculum. Working directly with our teachers and our principals on technology, on integration of technology, and the modeling within classrooms.

Cynthia Temesi

The model of Education 3.0, what we're trying to accomplish with that, is the next-generation thinking of teaching in learning, enabled through technology.

Gene Longo

The end goal is the students being successful, being engaged in their learning. That's what we want to see happen, from the vision piece down to the success piece. What's in this for Cisco, in the long haul? It really gives us an opportunity to be a trusted advisor with our customers. It also helps us help them think about the future and to build a long-term strategic plan, to where they want to be.

So, helping them think about where they want to go, helping them assess where they are, and helping them get to where they want to go, that really is the opportunity across Cisco, to make a difference in these schools and to be a trusted advisor and a partner.

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