

UP for Learning

Unleashing the Power of Youth-Adult Partnership

THE CHALLENGE: Too many of our young people do not reach their full potential and are impacted by a widening opportunity gap.

HOW DO WE KNOW THIS?



Only **61%** of middle school students believe that **THEY HAVE A VOICE** upon entering middle school.
This drops to **37%** by twelfth grade.



2 out of 5 VT youth report that **THEY ARE NOT VALUED** by their community.

(Students of color and LGBT students are significantly less likely to feel that they matter to their community.)



Less than half of youth (44%) report a sense of **PERSONAL POWER**.

Sources: Quaglia Institute for Student Aspirations, Search Institute Developmental Asset Survey, Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey

RESULT:

- ↑ **DISENGAGEMENT** from learning
- ↑ Sense of **HOPELESSNESS**
- ↓ Decrease in **CRITICAL LIFE SKILL** development
- ↓ Decrease in high school completion and **POST-SECONDARY OPTIONS**
- ↓ Decrease in **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

SOLUTION:

Ensure that every young person:

- Is **KNOWN AND VALUED** in their community
- Has a **SENSE OF PURPOSE**
- Has the ability to **SHAPE THEIR OWN LIVES**, and the **LIVES OF OTHERS**

UP'S ANSWER...

SINCE 2008...

Nearly **2,700** youth have taken on active leadership roles in at least one of UP's initiatives.

UP has worked with **44%** of Vermont middle schools and **95%** of Vermont high schools in all 14 counties

UP has trained student leaders through **334 programs** in a total of **113 Vermont schools**

Over **110** educators have completed an UP graduate course.

UP for Learning empowers youth to innovate, collaborate & lead

UP for Learning is a nonprofit dedicated to amplifying the role of youth as partners and agents of change in education to ensure that youth:

- **Own their learning**
- **Participate actively in school change**
- **Have personal power and purpose**
- **Possess leadership skills**
- **Are civically engaged**

To achieve these outcomes, UP for Learning crafts innovative, student-centered education initiatives and supports schools with customized training, coaching, graduate courses, professional development, and online resources. We are an active contributor to national and international efforts to put students at the center of their education.

"I was reminded of how much power we have as individuals to **change our own world and the world of others...for the better.**"

—UP youth participant



A Decade of Growth

“I am excited most about the potential that this work has to **transformatively change the culture** at our school... this work helps change our collective mindset.”

—UP teacher participant



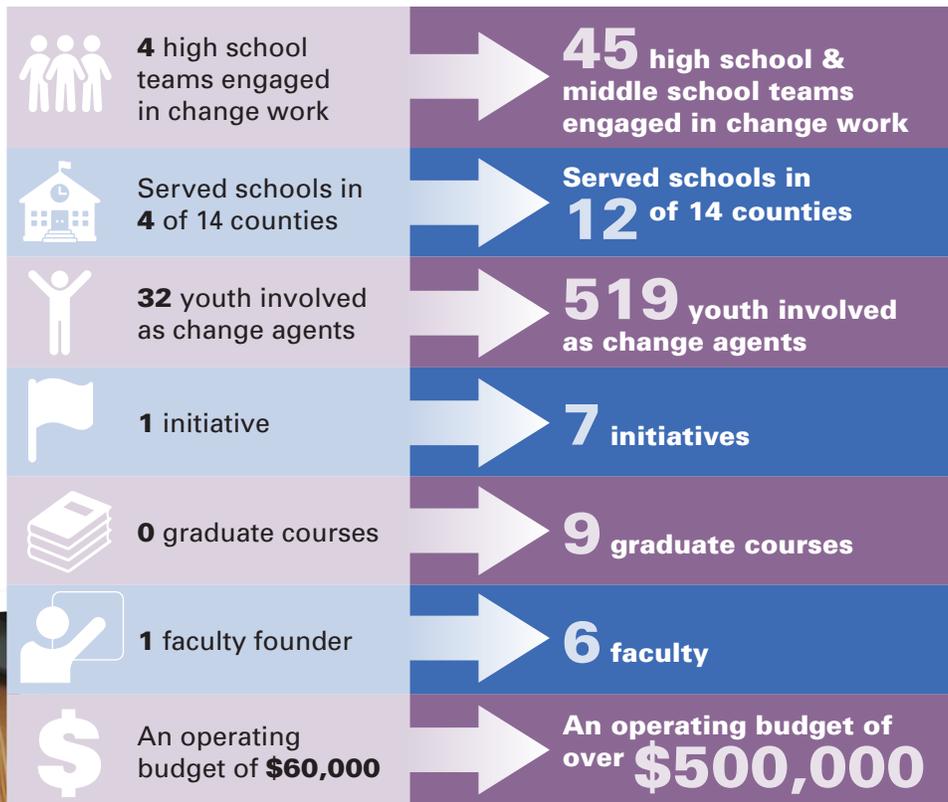
Awarded the New England Secondary School Consortium's **2016 VT Champion of Education**, nominated by the VT Agency of Education.



Unleashing the Power of Partnership for Learning

YEAR 1

YEAR 11



FY2018 FINANCIALS

EXPENSES



REVENUE



“When people ask me for an example of high-quality work on student voice and youth-adult partnerships, I always send them to UP for Learning. It is the premier nonprofit in the nation that draws upon evidence-based practice and research to carefully design projects aimed at improving schools and empowering young people.”

—Dr. Dana Mitra,
Pennsylvania State University,
national leader in youth-adult
partnership research and practices

← The support of 14 foundations and organizations since 2008 validates the value and potential of this work.