

# Moving UP

Supporting the transition to middle & high school



**Whether moving up from elementary school to middle school or from middle school to high school, these transitions are big adjustments for students and their families.** With UP for Learning, these transitions can also provide opportunities for building new relationships and connections through Youth-Adult Partnership. In this program, students and families will engage in conversations and action to help make the move up to a new school positive and successful for everyone involved.

*“UP for Learning and their student-led initiatives really crack the code in **bringing students, parents, teachers together to have fruitful, productive and caring conversations** about issues that matter.”*

—parent of a 5th grade student, Ferrisburgh Central School

## What does this look like?

UP's programs are customized to meet the needs of teams. Our past work supporting successful school transitions has included:

- 2-3 half-day retreats for school teams, bringing together youth and adults, focusing on what excites and what concerns students about the school transition.
- Fostering connections between younger and older students from different schools to help build relationships and address questions about the shift to a new school.
- An evening parent/caregiver dialogue night, supporting students in engaging with the important adults in their life around the joys and concerns that come with this change.

- Support collecting and analyzing data from students and their parents/caregivers, with the goal of fostering more meaningful conversations about the move.
- Virtual coaching sessions to support the work throughout the process.

## Who Should Participate?

A representative team of upper elementary or middle school youth who will be moving up to a new school next year, as well as adults interested in exploring that process in partnership with them. Teams typically consist of 2-4 adults and 10-15 youth partners.

- Contact: Pat LaClair, [pat@upforlearning.org](mailto:pat@upforlearning.org)
- Cost: \$3000



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