# It's Not About TIME!

## It's About Learning!

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# Competency-Based Learning

How New Hampshire Got There

Where Districts Are Today

#### **State Comparisons**

NH

Alaska

Population	1.32 million	735.000
Population Density Rank	21	50
Largest City	Manchester 110,000	Anchorage 291,000
Area	9400 sq. miles	663,000 sq. miles
# of School Districts	164	55
# of Public Schools	477	497
# of Public School Students	182,000	135,000
Average Area/District	57	12,055

# Virtually everyone wants a new education system, BUT when asked what it looks like...

- Smaller Classes
- Excellent/ Well-paid Teachers
- New Facilities
- More Technology
- Teacher Assistants

In essence, a prettier version of what they already have!

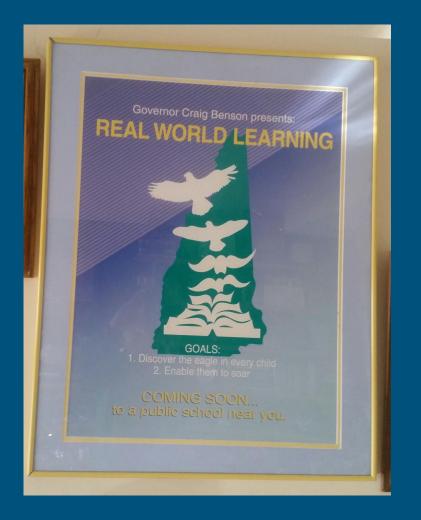
"We're getting better and better at things that don't work."

**Anonymous Education Consultant** 

### How New Hampshire Got There...

The Back Story

# REAL WORLD LEARNING



#### New Hampshire's Pioneering Effort

- First state to remove the Carnegie Unit (credit for seat time)
- National Governors' Association State Innovation Award
- PACE (Performance Assessment of Competency Education)
- Education Commissioner, Dr. Virginia Barry, Speaks at the White House

#### Off the CLOCK:

Moving Education from TIME to COMPETENCY

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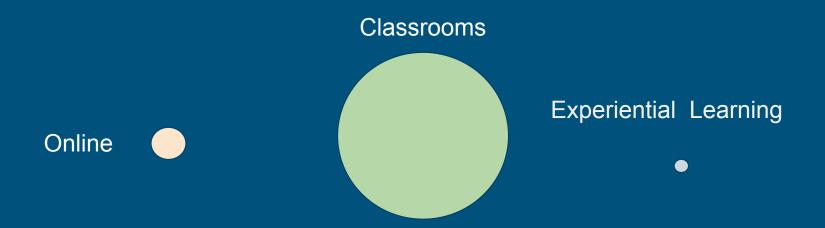
#### Vision of the NH State Board of Education

To harness community resources and technology to provide a world class, personalized, student-centered education in a flexible, innovative learning environment that promotes active engagement to maximize the potential of every individual.

#### NCCBL Vision: The World as the Classroom

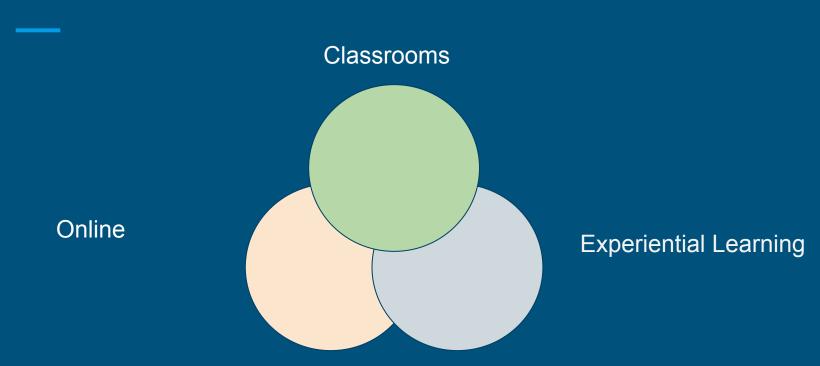
Mission: To operationalize experiential learning for the purpose of institutionalizing it as staple of a public education.

#### Today's Education System



Constants: Time & Place Variable: Learning

#### Where We are Heading



Constant: Learning Variables: Time & Place

#### ELO (not a 70's Rock Band)

ELOs are Extended/Experiential Learning Opportunities available to all students for credit toward graduation.

Internships	Performing Groups
Apprenticeships	Online Courses
Independent Study	Work Study
Team Sports	Formation of ELON (Extended Learning Opportunities Network)

#### Managing Abundance

We can no longer view our resources as scarce.

We must harness the abundance that is beyond school walls:

- Businesses
- Non-Profits
- Talented Individuals
- Natural Resources

#### Pittsfield Middle/High School

Superintendent: Dr. John Freeman

- 1 of the 5 "property poor" districts in the Claremont Education Funding lawsuit
- Town Population 4,082
- New Hampshire's ELO leader

#### NCCBL 10,000 MENTORS & MENTOR Connect

10,000 MENTORS is a project to identify, recruit, and train healthcare professionals, manufacturers, artists, software developers, farmers, musicians, engineers, scientists, and more for the purpose of providing nontraditional, credit bearing, learning options that match student interest to community opportunities. Goals are:

- Developing a skilled, qualified mentor base
- Establishing a new community role in education
- Managing the abundance in your community
- Institutionalizing experiential learning in education
- Using technology to connect student interest to community opportunities

10,000 MENTORS has been endorsed by the NH State Board of Education, the NH Department of Education and other business and education groups.

MENTOR Connect is a technology tool to link student interest to community learning opportunities.

#### ED<sup>2</sup> Education Driven Economic Development

**Education Driven Economic Development** is an effort to make business a full partner in the redesign of our education system by matching students' interests to workforce needs and creating a nearly endless supply of interns.

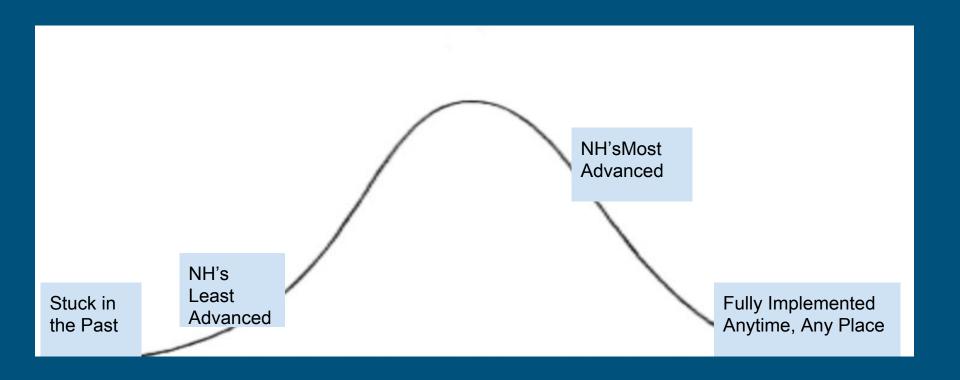
- Making businesses a full partner in education
- Making education a full partner to business
- Attracting and retaining good businesses
- School to career pathways
- Matching student interest to workforce needs
- Developing our future workforce
- Create connections to build our children's future in state

#### PATHWAYS to 65x25

A high school diploma is no longer good enough.

Every student to achieve or be on a path to achieving a career-related credential while in high school by 2025.

#### Where NH Districts Are Today





#### www.vlacs.org

Read about us in Wired: https://goo.gl/TFuaYO

- Full-time and part-time students
- Grades 6-12
- Adult Education

- Competency-based
- Rolling enrollment
- Any pace

- 27,000+ course enrollments
- 13,000+ students
- Students reside in 17 states

#### **Customized Learning**

Students determine when, where, and how they will learn based on their needs, interests, and talents.

#### Flexible Pathways







Teams





#### Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU)

Budget: 5 years ago: \$100 million

Today: \$600 million

SNHU's College for America: Competency-based online Bachelor's Degree (\$2500-10,000)

President Dr. Paul LeBlanc appointed to USDOE for 3 months in 2015.(See Dr. LeBlanc's TEDX Talk)

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