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From the big picture to leading future schools

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1. The State of Global Education

2. Australian Schools - Good Different

3. Leading Future Schools

1: The State of Global Education

Global education reform movement (GERM)

Student engagement and learning? Inclusion and Choice and Test-based Narrow curriculum educational equity? accountability competition Cost and efficiency of education?

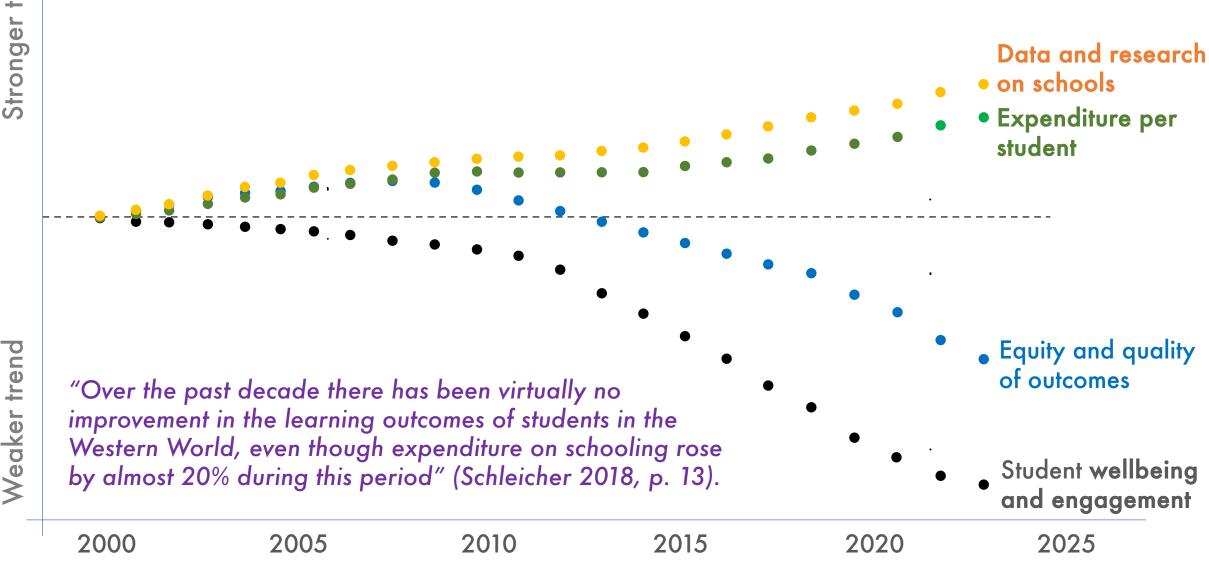
2010s -

2020s

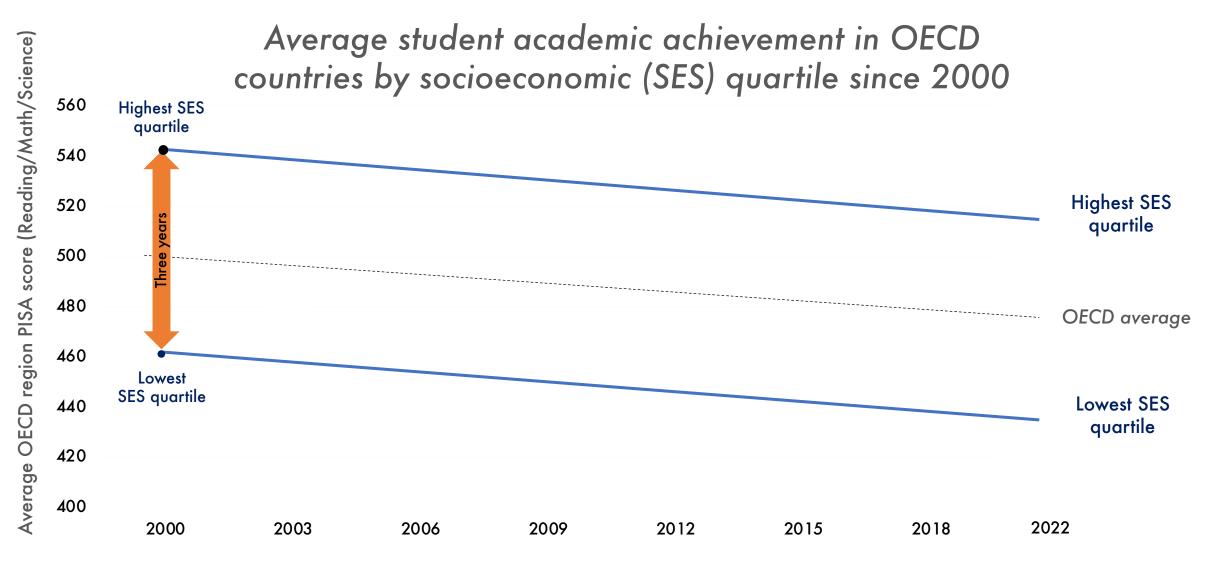
2000s -

- 1990s -

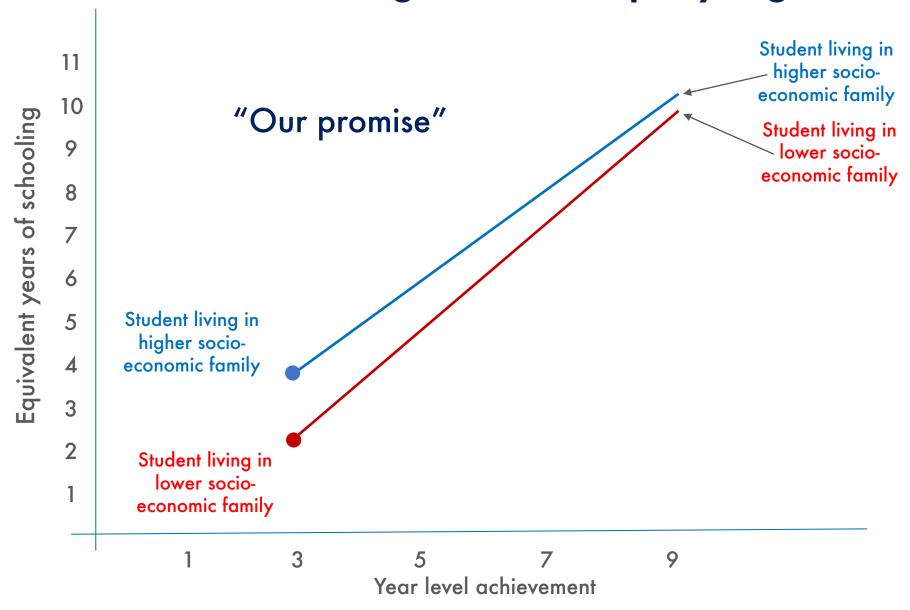
Are global educational outcomes improving?



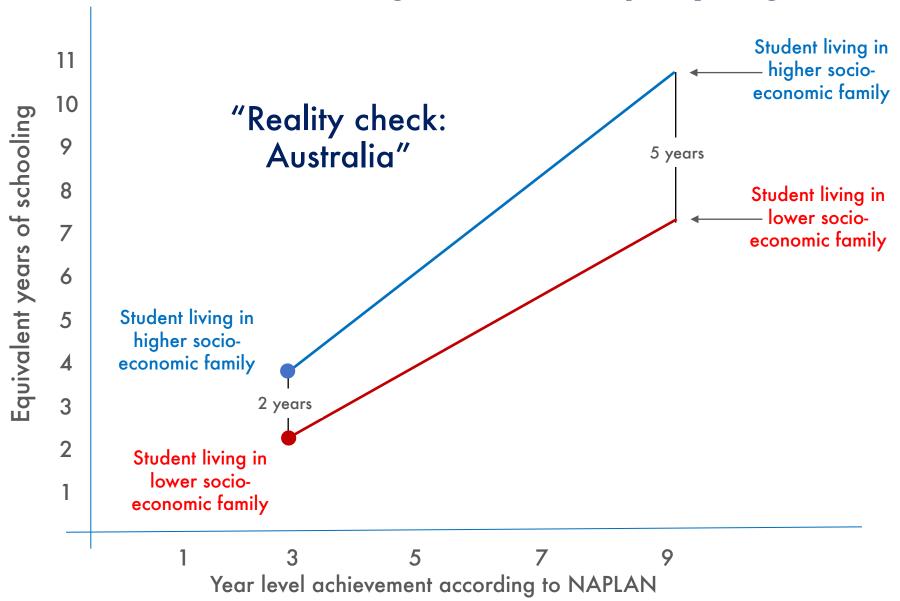
Are achievement gaps narrowing?



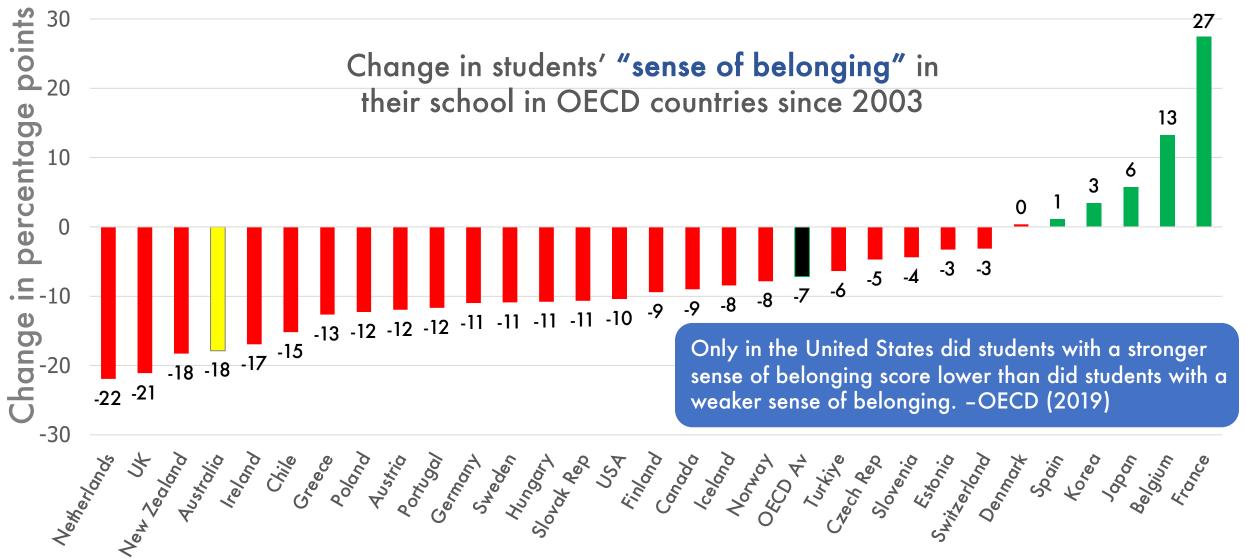
Does schooling level the playing field?



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Do students think school is a place for them?





260 million children, adolescents and youth are **not at school** and just half of them achieve the basic level of proficiency required.

- Global Education Monitoring Report 2020



The achievement gaps across the OECD countries between the most socio-economically advantaged and disadvantaged students is equivalent to over 3 years of schooling.

-OECD PISA 2018





There is a global learning crisis that amplifies educational inequalities that severely hobbles the disadvantaged youth who most need the boost that a good education can offer.

- World Bank Human Development Report 2018

We can't make education better and fairer using the same kind of thinking that led us to the global learning crisis!

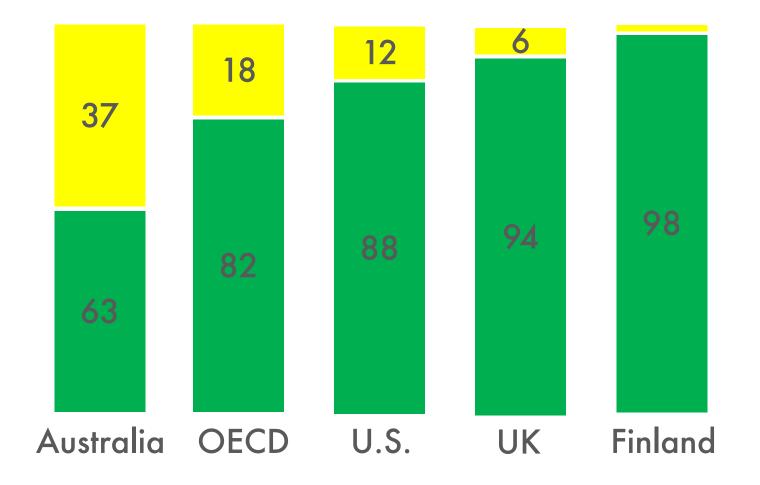
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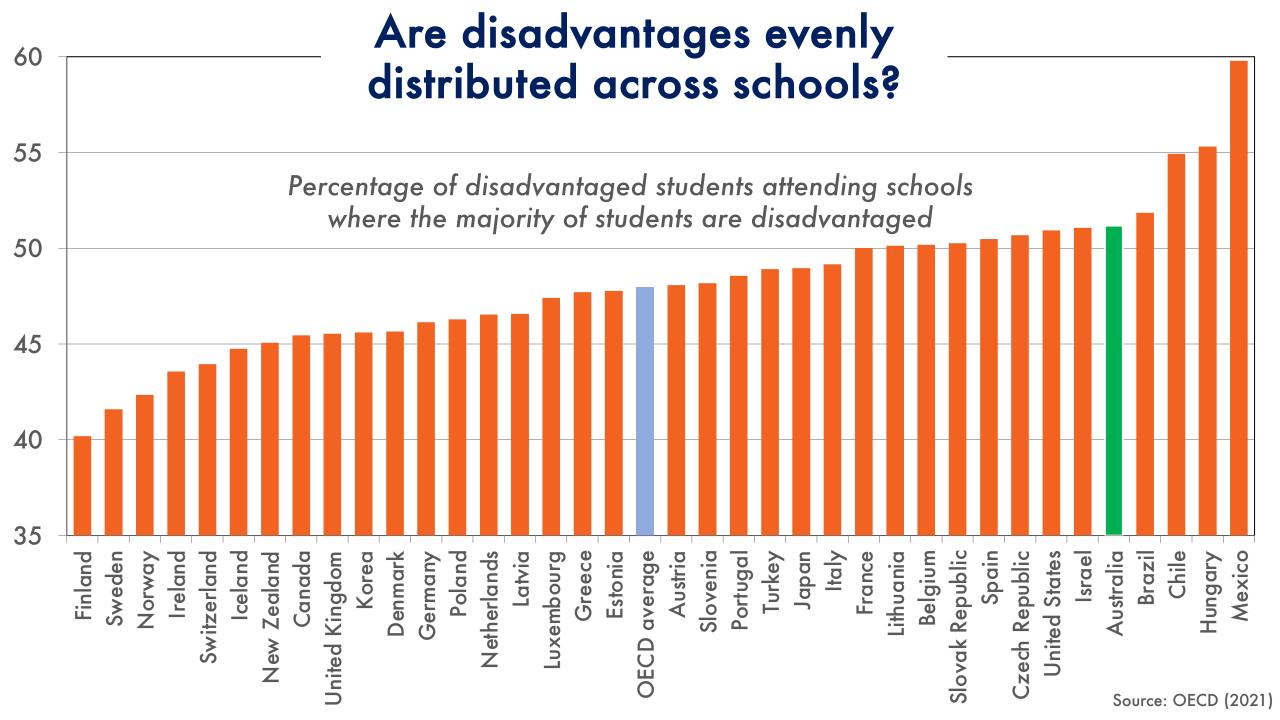
We have a world-class school education – but not for everyone!

We have a complex education system of system

Proportion of students attending...

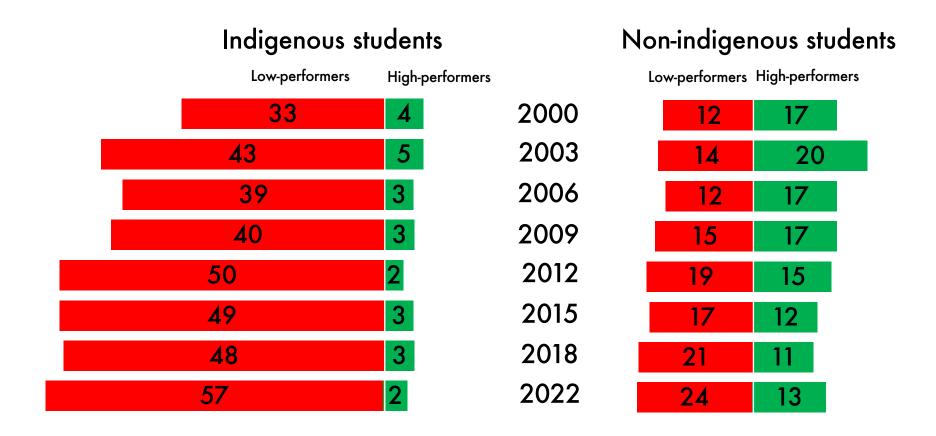
- Private schools
- Government schools





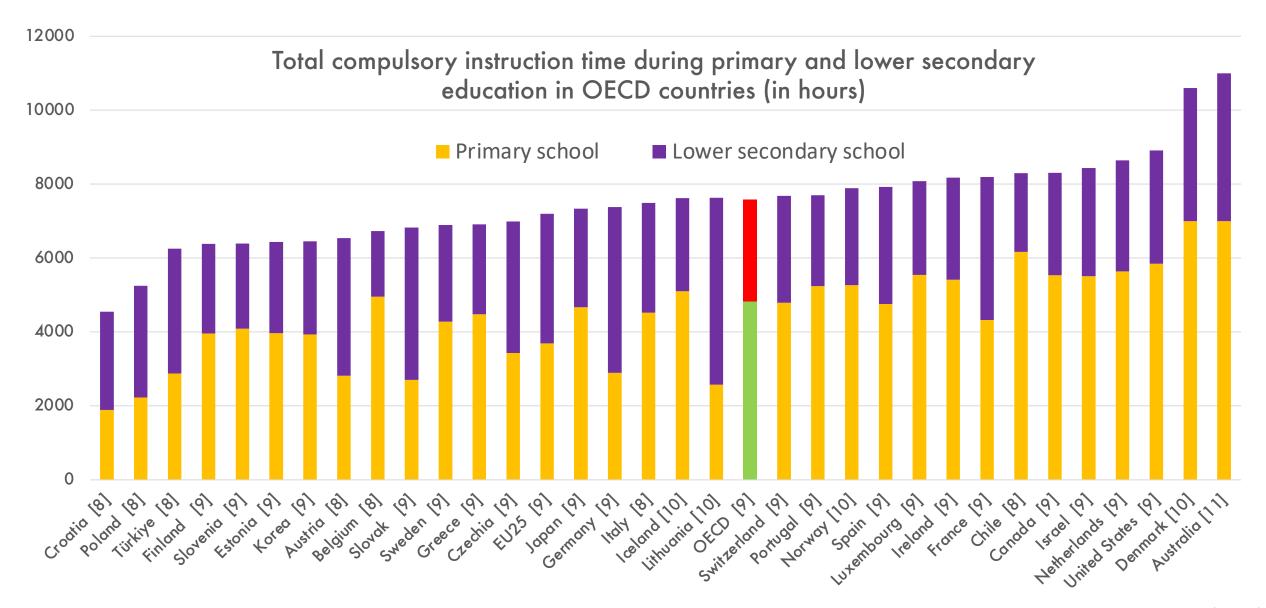
Are we leaving some kids behind?

Proportion of low and high performers in Australia on the PISA reading literacy proficiency scale by Indigenous background since 2000

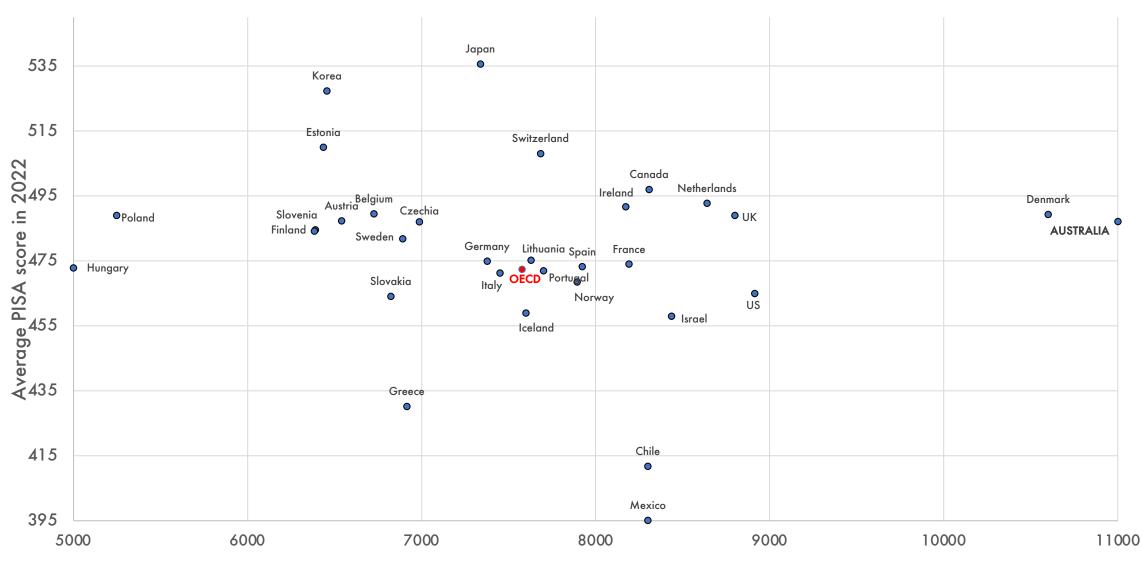


Source: ACER, 2023

How much do kids have instruction?



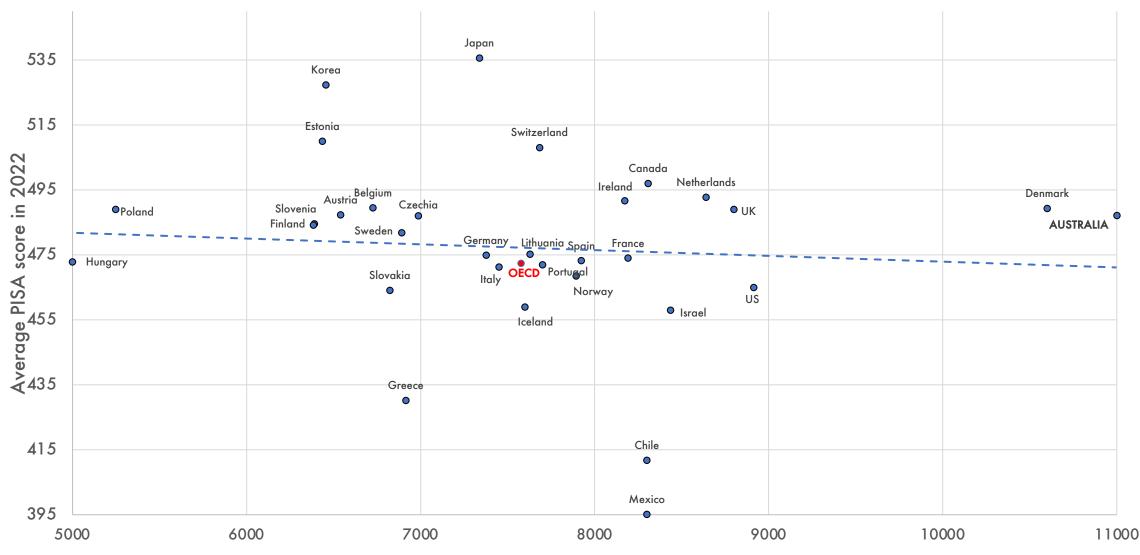
Does more instruction mean better learning?



Total compulsory instruction time in primary and lower secondary education in 2022 (in hours)

Source: OECD database

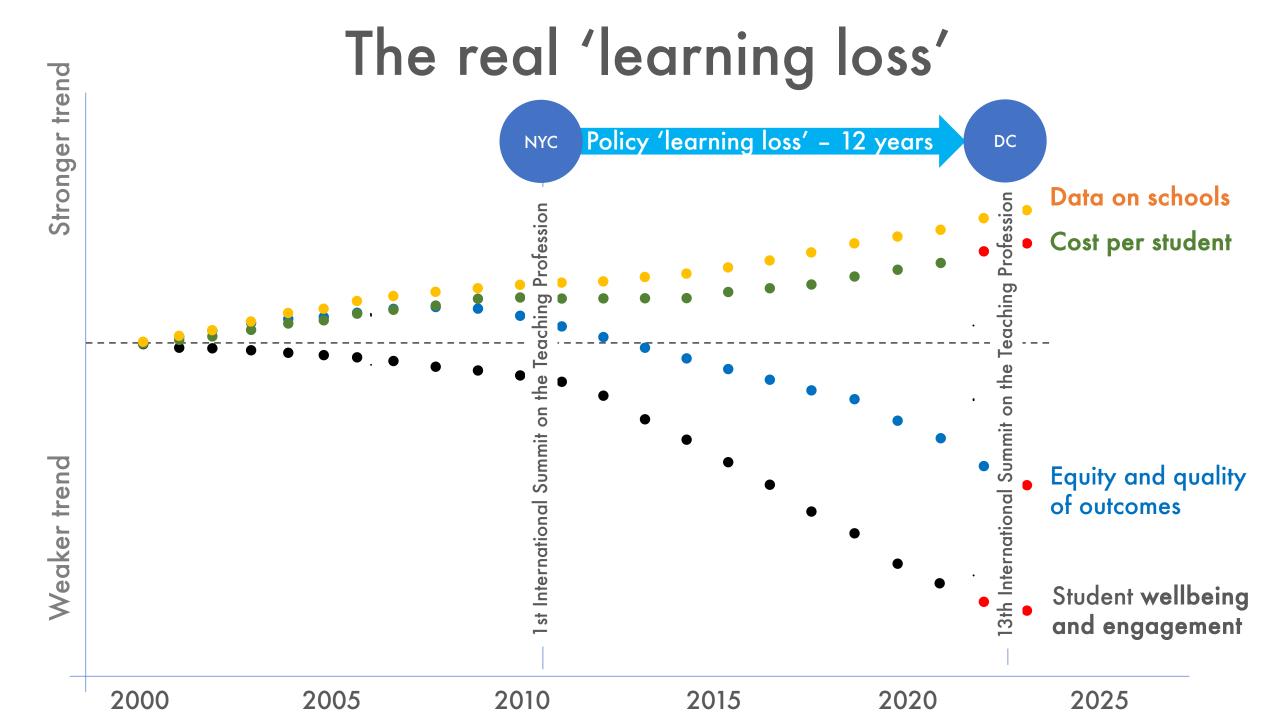
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3: Leading Future Schools

Equitable, holistic student learning and wellbeing outcomes

Co-constructed curriculum and co-operative learning

Balance between human intelligence and artificial intelligence

FUTURE SCHOOL

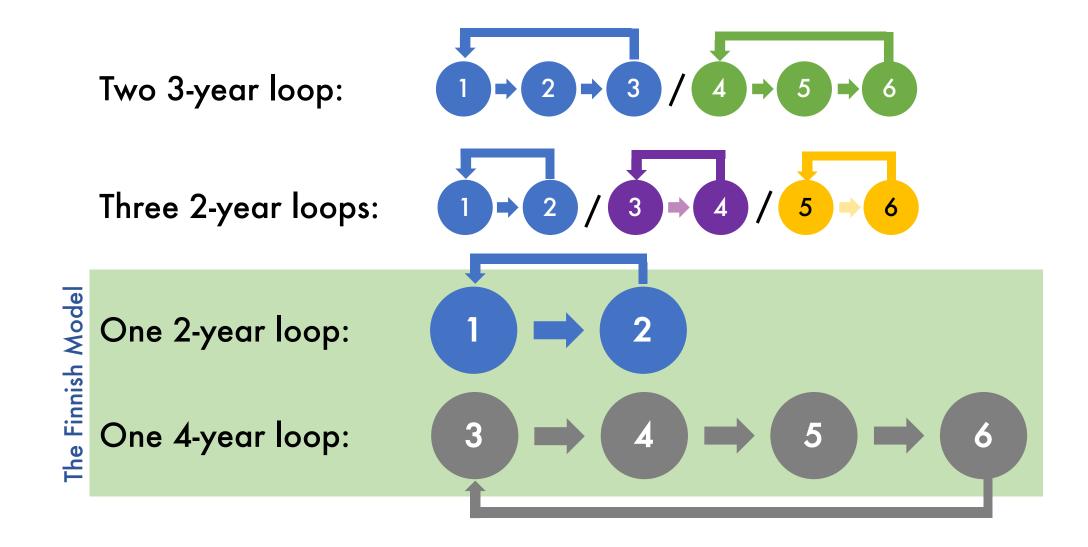
unleashes everyone's passion and creativity

Positive resiprocal relationship with the community

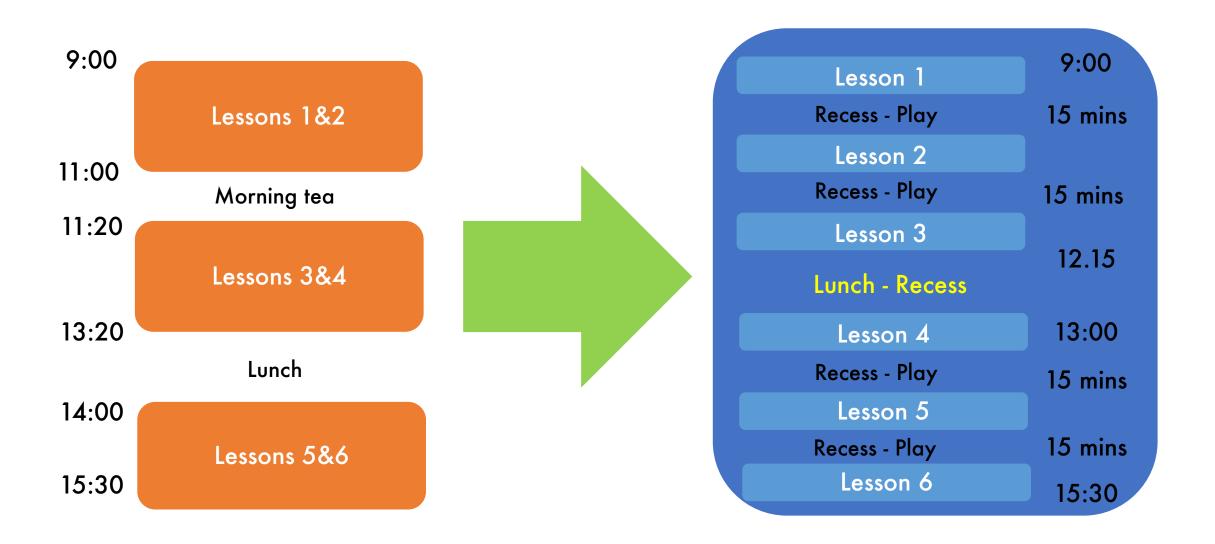
Focus on the future needs, skills & adaptive habits of mind

Culture of student and teacher agency and leadership

Idea 1: 'Teacher looping'



Idea 2: Restructured time



Idea 3: Healthy daily lunch for all



Thank you!