Scaling Up Technology

State/District Leaders

The purpose of this tool is to encourage conversation related to issues raised when scaling up technology in the district.

Watch the video, Scaling Up Technology (https://youtu.be/fkoz3zDpeJc). The speaker focuses on the use of technology to explore, design, and create. When used well, technology can support the acceleration of deeper learning outcomes. Such learning requires a robust infrastructure—from broadband to boxes and wires to devices—but many traditionally underserved schools do not have the necessary capacity.

The video also points out that deeper learning depends in part on students’ access to technology outside of school. While 70 percent of the nation’s teachers are now requiring digital work to be done outside of school, approximately five million students still do not have connectivity at home.

Conversation Starters

- Are there gaps in connectivity outside of school in your district or state? Describe them. What has been done to address this issue?
- Are there equity issues in your district or state that must be addressed? Describe the issues.
- What might be done to ensure that all students have access to technology outside of school?