The DC+XQ Design Journey

1. COME TOGETHER
   Let's all get energized to transform DCPS high schools.
   - Activate Community
     Organize community info sessions and meet-ups for stakeholders to learn more about the DC+XQ partnership and their role in supporting school redesign teams.
   - Build a Team
     Make connections with energetic and creative people to build a diverse and determined DC+XQ school design team.

2. EXPLORE & DESIGN
   What does redesign look like? Let's find out together.
   - Educational Opportunity Audit (EOA)
     Ground the work of redesign in the current student experience using transcripts, surveys, and focus groups.
   - Inspiration Visits
     Engage with innovative schools and organizations to fuel imagination and spark ideas.
   - Design Day Workshops
     Explore the elements of student-centered, equity-driven school design—from the science of adolescent learning to the role of dynamic community partnerships—in a series of immersive sessions.
   - School Redesign Concept
     Plan the fundamental elements of a bold and coherent redesigned school model.

3. PILOT & IMPLEMENT
   Schools lead the way with exciting, academically rigorous school models.
   - Pilot and Prototype
     Test key aspects of the school model, make adjustments, and build capacity to implement.
   - Launch Full Model
     Implement the full vision for transformation with the entire school community—so everything changes for students.

If you are interested in learning more about the DC+XQ partnership, please go to: DCXQ.us
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**DC+XQ PARTNERSHIP LAUNCH**
February-March, 2022

**COMMUNITY INFO SESSIONS AND MEET-UPS**
February-March, 2022

**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY AUDIT (EOA)**
March 2022
- Providing school teams with information and tools to address roadblocks to student opportunities and success in college and career
- Surfacing inequity in the current school design and identify opportunities to address them in a school’s redesign efforts
- Unpacking and addressing inequities by examining student transcript data, surveys, and student focus group reports

**DESIGN DAY 1**
March 31, 2022
- Overviewing the partnership and grounding in the design journey process
- Explaining the critical role students and community play in the redesign process
- Introducing Design Thinking and equitable design practices

**DESIGN DAY 2**
April 18, 2022
- Grounding in the XQ Learner Outcomes
- Gaining inspiration from other innovative models and practices
- Creating opportunities for youth voice and choice through student voice cards and the ladder of youth of engagement
- Developing a transformational mission and vision by drafting an initial aspiration statement

**SCHOOL INSPIRATION VISITS**
April-May 2022

**INTEGRATE FEEDBACK AND ENHANCE REDEIGN CONCEPT**
March 31, 2022

**SUMMER DESIGN RETREAT**
Week of July 11, 2022
- Prioritizing time for teams to further enhance their school redesign concept based on community feedback and coaching

**SUBMIT DRAFT REDESIGN APPLICATION**
June 3, 2022
- Submitting initial responses to their redesign application centered around XQ’s Design Principles

**DC+XQ COHORT 1 SCHOOLS START FULL REDESIGN PROCESS**
September 2022-July 2023
- Creating unique school designs with students and community input at the center
- Prototyping and piloting bold ideas
- Fine-tuning implementation plans

**CONTINUE TO ACTIVATE COMMUNITY IN BOLD REDESIGN CONCEPT**
May-June, 2022
- Building off the inspiration of other school models
- Designing a learning experience grounded in XQ Learner Framework
- Connecting experiences on the DC+XQ design journey to create a school redesign concept

**CULTIVATION SCHOOLS**
- Additional interested school communities continue to learn, prepare, and build momentum for future redesign journeys.

**SUMMER DESIGN RETREAT**
Week of July 11, 2022
- Prioritizing time for teams to further enhance their school redesign concept based on community feedback and coaching

**SUBMIT FINAL REDESIGN APPLICATION**
August 15, 2022
- Submitting revised and enhanced responses to their redesign application

**ANNOUNCE DC+XQ COHORT 1 AND CULTIVATION SCHOOLS**
September 2022

**DC+XQ COHORT 1 SCHOOLS LAUNCH THEIR FULL REDESIGN MODELS**
SY 2023-24