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What is the purpose of education? What kind of people do we want our children to grow up to be? How can we design schools so that students will acquire the skills they'll need to live fulfilled and productive lives?

These are just a few of the questions that renowned educator **Dennis Littky** explores in *The Big Picture: Education Is Everyone's Business*. The schools Littky has created and led over the past 35 years are models for reformers everywhere: small, public schools where the curriculum is rich and meaningful, expectations are high, student progress is measured against real-world standards, and families and communities are actively engaged in the educational process.

This book is for both big "E" and small "e" educators:

- * For principals and district administrators who want to change the way schools are run.
- * For teachers who want students to learn passionately.
- * For college admissions officers who want diverse applicants with real-world learning experiences.
- * For business leaders who want a motivated and talented workforce.
- * For parents who want their children to be prepared for college and for life.
- * For students who want to take control over their learning . . . and want a school that is interesting, safe, respectful, and fun.
- * For anyone who cares about kids.

Here, you'll find a moving account of just what is possible in education, with many of the examples drawn from the Metropolitan Regional Career and Technical Center ("The Met") in Providence, Rhode Island--a diverse public high school with the highest rates of attendance and college acceptance in the state and a dropout rate of less than five percent. The Met exemplifies personalized learning, one student at a time.

The Big Picture is a book to re-energize educators, inspire teachers in training, and start a new conversation about kids and schools, what we want for both, and how to make it happen.

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