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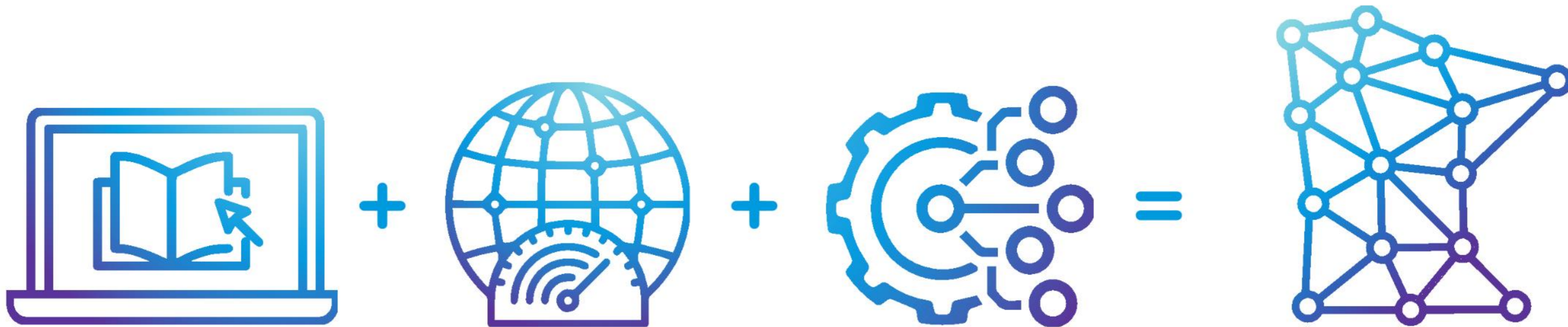
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OUR PURPOSE

Building a more equitable, resilient state where each and every student can learn, thrive, and prosper.



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**TECHNOLOGY
DEVICES**

**HIGH-SPEED
INTERNET**

**DISTANCE LEARNING &
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES**

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WORK TO DATE

TWO FUNDING ROUNDS

September 2020: \$2.15M to 23 organizations

March 2021: \$2.35M to 29 organizations in collaboration with the **Minnesota Business Coalition for Racial Equity**

DIGITAL EQUITY ROUNDTABLE

Virtually convened traditional and non-traditional players working on digital access to learn, develop a shared understanding of trends, needs, and opportunities in Minnesota, and amplify existing work

COMMUNITY-LED INVESTMENTS

\$1.2M to Black-Led and Indigenous-Led organizations (with a Twin Cities focus) using community feedback and expertise
In Progress

**ROUND 1 GRANTEE:
NORTHFIELD HEALTHY
COMMUNITY INITIATIVE**



**ROUND 2 GRANTEE:
30,000 FEET**



KEY TAKEAWAYS

HOLISTIC SOLUTIONS ARE CRITICAL

- Access to technology without access to internet or other supportive services is only a partial solution
- Navigating the tech and internet landscape is just as critical as access to tech and internet (Digital Navigation)

LISTEN TO COMMUNITIES & STUDENTS

- They are in the best position to articulate their challenges, their needs, and potential solutions

CONSIDER RESOURCES BEYOND THE GRANT

- Being a connector/facilitator to foster connections and learning across sectors has yielded productive new relationships/insights



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