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Education Visionary Ted Dintersmith to Keynote EDspaces 2020



(Silver Spring, MD) — The [Education Market Association \(EDmarket\)](#) is pleased to announce noted author and education change-agent Ted Dintersmith as keynote speaker of the opening plenary at [EDspaces](#), November 11-13, 2020 at the Charlotte Convention Center in North Carolina. Dintersmith will present “*What Schools Could Be — Small Steps That Lead to Big Change*” sharing the potential our educational institutions have if we focus on transformative learning experiences instead of test scores.

Ted Dintersmith is on a mission to give our kids a real chance to thrive in the innovation era. “Without profound change in traditional education, most of our current students will be at risk in a world defined by innovation,” he says. “It doesn’t have to be this way.”

During his 2015-2016 school year journey to all 50 states, visiting 200 schools, Dintersmith met thousands of people involved in education — students, teachers, administrators, parents, education policy makers, legislators, governors. He explored and highlighted conditions, including learning spaces and environments fostering exceptional student learning and identified change models enabling a school, district, or even a state to effectively transform classrooms at scale. Dintersmith will share an inspiring account of educators in ordinary circumstances doing extraordinary things, illustrating what leads to powerful learning in classrooms and how to empower our teachers to make it happen.

“As a collaborator and peer of past keynote speakers, Sir Ken Robinson and Tony Wagner, Ted will continue the important conversation on the future of education,” says Jim McGarry, EDmarket President & CEO. “Ted knows the key role the education market plays in creating the next generation of learning environments and will challenge to us to support transformational change that positively impact schools everywhere.”

The plenary is sponsored by [Gratnells](#), a leading supplier of school storage systems and specialized educational kits, particularly in the area of STEM and Makerspace. They will join nearly 200 companies exhibiting the products need for success. Following the Plenary Session, Ted will be signing copies of the book for the first 100 people in the Gratnells’ booth.

A globally recognized voice in education, Ted Dintersmith is a change agent focused on the impact of education and innovation on the future of civil society. His professional background spans technology, entrepreneurship, and public policy. He was ranked by Business 2.0 as the top-performing U.S. venture capitalist for 1995-1999. In 2012, President Obama appointed him to represent our country at the United Nations General Assembly. He has been the executive producer of several films that have premiered at Sundance, including the acclaimed *Most Likely to Succeed*.

About EDspaces: EDspaces is the premiere event to explore how the convergence of pedagogy, space and technology combined with innovation affects facility design and use and, ultimately, student outcomes. Learn more at www.ed-spaces.com