



Quotes:

1. An equilateral triangle is the strongest two-dimensional shape, and we want kids that are strong and resilient. So if motivation, self-management, and social engagement are the three sides of that triangle, then we want to align them in a way that kids are set up to be successful when life hits them.
 - a. 16:40
 2. With interest and access to technology, a lot of learning can take place in ways that are not always possible in a more traditional [educational environment].
 - a. 20:50
 3. With interest and access to technology, a lot of learning can take place.
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 4. My goal is 250,000 teachers in the U.S. by the end of 2021 because, if we can reach that many teachers, then it's roughly 10,000,000 kids who are in environments with StartSOLE as part of what they're experiencing.
 - a. 24:45
 5. There's a really big push, and there should be, for job-ready skills... and if you break it down simply, it's creativity, critical thinking, communication, and collaboration.
 - a. 25:20
 6. When kids are given opportunities to really stretch, they go farther. I'm always blown away.
 - a. 28:38
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Notes:

21st century education is a very different beast than the education of the past because our world is vastly different, and the pace of change just keeps increasing. As a result, we have to take a very different approach to learning if we want to prepare our children to thrive in the digital age.

So today, we talk to Jeff McClellan, the Founding Director of StartSOLE, an organization that is transforming education through SOLE (Self-Organized Learning Environments).

SOLE is a process-based approach to education, as opposed to results-based, that helps prepare students for success in today's era of technology and information. By providing an early intervention in education, SOLE can level the academic playing field and increase equity among all students, while helping kids develop the skills they need for a modern digital society.

We unbox:

- What education should be preparing students for and, at the end of the day, what our true purpose is as educators
- Turning the city of Cleveland into the campus for a STEM high school
- Jeff's uncanny ability to hire exceptional staff and how he makes those decisions
- The difficulty many organizations have had implementing project-based learning, mastery-based grading, and other new approaches to education (and how StartSOLE makes those things easier to implement)
- How you can take small chunks of these newer educational design philosophies and integrate them into more traditional educational environments
- The essence of StartSOLE and its broad applications in the education space
- How StartSOLE allows teachers to do the thing that they're already doing, but better
- Where resources should be allocated for future education
- Job-ready skills: creativity, critical thinking, communication, and collaboration

Resources:

- Get the free StartSOLE app: <https://startsole.org/>
- StartSOLE on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/StartSOLE>
- Jeff on LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/jeffrey-mcclellan-509b6959/>
- Watch: "[Kids can teach themselves](#)" by Sugata Mitra

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