Comments from Presenters and Participants about
Hathaway Brown’s Education Innovation Summit

**From Summit Presenters:**

“The overall level of organization was extraordinary. This was the best organized conference I have ever been to, by an order of magnitude. Clearly, Bill Christ and his team put an immense amount of thought and hard work into making the Summit the huge success it was. I was especially touched by the very warm welcome I received from the outset.” - Richard Ogle, consultant and writer

“Keep going. This is vitally important work. One pass at any idea is usually not enough to take hold. If possible, having a Summit such as this every two years would be enormously valuable and could create some impetus for changed action.” - Ted Fish, Gardner Carney Leadership Institute

“The HB Innovation Summit was amazing and inspiring. Your team obviously worked hard, and it showed.” – Jamie Feild Baker, independent schools consultant

“Your conference was one of the best things I’ve attended in years.” – Gary Niels, Winchester Thurston School

“…the conference of the year, if not the decade.” – Sarah Hanawald, Cannon School

“This is absolutely the best conference experience I have ever had – and I have had many.” – Fredricka Reisman, Drexel University

“[I hope that the Education Innovation Summit] triggers conversations that can change the world.” – Daniel Pink

**From Summit Participants:**

“Really, the most impactful and well-run conference that I’ve attended in 28 years of teaching and administering.”

“Easily the most unique and inspiring conference I have ever attended. The quality and diversity of the presenters was the key - not just teachers talking to teachers. Educators need to hear the voices of those in other fields, as well as those in education.”

“You have created a model summit/conference that has set the standard.”
“My mind and heart are full with invigorating ideas. The amazing number of ‘miracle moments’ presented will stick with me for a long time. Spending time at the Summit was one of the most fulfilling things I’ve done in a while.”

“I am indeed transformed by the ideas and the people of this institution. For the first time, I regret being 62 years old because there is so much I want to do and I finally feel the crunch of time!”

“I want to say thank you for the amazing job you did of providing top-notch thinkers and stimulating the conversation about what it means and looks like to innovate along with warm hospitality. I can’t think of one thing that you didn’t anticipate. I could have used another day of all that good thinking and company.”

“What a fantastic group of speakers and breakout sessions! Every session was helpful, not just a speaker filling a timeslot.”

“There must be another--and another--and another.”

“I’m very excited about the idea of Innovation Summit 2.0. I have no doubt that it’ll be an event worth setting aside another November weekend for!”

“You must be flooded with emails, letters, and calls expressing just how wonderful the Summit was for everyone! It was truly the best conference I have ever attended. It was quite evident that you, your staff, and your students put forth a great deal of effort and thought to cover all the bases.”

“I signed up for the conference in early September when the days seemed long and limitless. I left school on Thursday a bit begrudgingly because I had so much to do with the term drawing to an end. I am so glad I came!”

“I have seldom been to a conference more carefully run. The students who participated as guides or greeters presented HB at its best.”

“This was a fabulously planned event that I hope can continue. It was a terrific opportunity in a very personal setting which made it less frenetic than larger conferences. All of this allowed for deeper reflection.”

“I was most impressed with the hospitality of the entire group of HB parents, teachers, and students. The whole thing was first class. You all did a superb job of helping us know the who, what, when and where. I really enjoyed this conference...and I’ve been to a lot of them!”

“I was so impressed with the student ambassadors - they were polite, confident, and well-spoken.”

“I loved the low-key creative vibe at the Summit. It’s like the attendees were all drinking from the same punchbowl. There was none of the posturing or hostility you sometimes experience at field-specific national conferences. We were no longer classroom teachers, administrators, or ‘others,’ but open minds eager to share without any pressure.”

“Just two points. First, I felt truly honored to have been part of such an extraordinarily imaginative, well organized, and valuable event. Second, keeping the momentum going is ABSOLUTELY CRUCIAL.”