Award Categories
- Companies

**Company of the Year**
Company or organization whose work over the past year has made the biggest impact on educational equity

**Leader of the Year**
Company or nonprofit leader whose vision for equity and innovative efforts are changing the landscape

**New Product of the Year**
All-new product introduced in the past year making the biggest impact on equity and access

**Product Enhancement of the Year**
Best new feature, improvement, or updated version of an existing product

**Author, Speaker, or Consultant of the Year**
Individual whose books, presentations and/or consulting work have made a significant difference for students and educators

**Best Accessibility Solution**
Recognizing companies or products that significantly improve accessibility for learners with disabilities

**Best Assistive Technology Solution**
Equipment, software program, or other product that has best improved functional capabilities for learners

**Best Book for Educators**
Professional development book or other publication providing educators with equity-enhancing strategies

**Best Canadian Company - presented by MindShare Learning Technology**
Special award to celebrate the Canadian company making the biggest impact on educational equity

**Best Career Readiness Solution**
Company or solution providing students with skills to succeed in the workforce

**Best College Readiness Solution**
Product or service that has increased equity and opportunity to achieve college enrollment and success

**Best Diversity and Inclusion Solution**
Recognizing companies whose efforts are enhancing diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) for all

**Best Differentiation and Personalized Learning Solution**
Best solutions to support differentiated instruction and/or personalized learning in any subject

**Best Early Childhood Education Solution**
The best companies, products, or other solutions to get early childhood learners on track for success

**Best Hardware Tool**
Best physical computer hardware product or solution to enhance equity, inclusion, and access
Award Categories
- Companies (cont.)

**Best Health and Wellness Solution**
Best product or service for promoting the health and overall well-being of students and/or educators

**Best Literacy Solution**
The companies and solutions helping all students foster critical reading and writing skills

**Best Nonprofit Organization or Community Partner**
Nonprofits, charities, or community organizations whose work is supporting student well-being and success

**Best Online and Blended Learning Solution**
Solutions that help all students access high-quality learning in fully online or blended environments

**Best Parent Engagement Solution**
Solutions that help schools and educators connect and communicate with parents and families

**Best Social-Emotional Learning Solution**
Organizations, curricula, or products that are fostering students’ development of well-rounded SEL competencies

**Best Solution for Equity in the Arts**
Solutions that are increasing access and equity to music, fine arts, and other areas of the arts

**Best Special Education Solution**
Best solutions to support students with IEPs or any other learner enrolled in a special education program

**Best STEM Solution**
Companies and organizations that are increasing access to high-quality STEM learning

**Best Student Engagement Solution**
Products, services, and companies that help educators engage and motivate all learners

**Best Student Safety Solution**
Products and tools that are keeping students and schools physically and mentally safe

**Best Support for English Learners/English Language Learners**
The companies and solutions that are helping ELs/ELLs succeed in the classroom

**Best Teacher Recruitment Solution**
Recognizing companies, products, and services that are supporting equitable education by helping with recruitment and/or retention of teachers

**Special Contribution to Equity**
Honoring special projects and any significant work not captured by our other categories. We welcome creative and diverse nominations of all types!
Award Categories
- Schools & Educators

Champion of Equity — District Leadership
Honoring superintendents, assistant superintendents, board members, executive directors, and other leadership roles

Champion of Equity — School Leadership
Recognizing the best principals, assistant principals, and other school-level leaders

Champion of Equity — Technology Leadership
Celebrating innovative technology leaders at the school and district levels

Champion of Equity — Resilient Schools and Districts
Celebrating schools and districts that have overcome infrastructure or staffing challenges, helped students overcome trauma, or otherwise demonstrated praiseworthy resilience

Champion of Equity — General Education Teacher (PreK-Elementary)
Recognizing teachers whose steadfast commitment to equity has made a difference for all learners

Champion of Equity — General Education Teacher (Middle Grades)
Recognizing teachers whose steadfast commitment to equity has made a difference for all learners

Champion of Equity — General Education Teacher (High School)
Recognizing teachers whose steadfast commitment to equity has made a difference for all learners

Champion of Equity — Special Educator
Honoring outstanding special education teachers, resource teachers, interventionists and other critical members of the special education team

Champion of Equity — Mental Health Professional
Recognizing the critical contributions of school psychologists, counselors, social workers and other mental health professionals

Champion of Equity — Librarian or Media Specialist
Celebrating the librarians whose work has supported schoolwide excellence in equity

Champion of Equity — Support Staff or Paraprofessional
Honoring the aides, resource officers, nurses, and many other members of the overall school and district support teams

Champion of Equity — Extracurricular Leader or Coach
Recognizing educators and staff whose leadership of extracurricular programs, clubs, and sports teams has increase access to students’ well-rounded growth and development

Champion of Equity — Social-Emotional Learning Excellence
Recognizing educators of all roles who have successfully supported students’ social-emotional development

Champion of Equity — Teacher Recruitment and Retention
The schools, districts, and leaders who have best attracted, hired, supported, and retained their educators

Champion of Equity — Higher Education
The institutions and individuals who have prepared new educators or otherwise promoted enhanced equity and access