

benetech



IMPACT REPORT

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE EDUCATION EQUITY HAPPEN

Every day, we partner with schools and communities to break down systemic barriers and support students with learning differences and disabilities. We are committed to education equity so that learners of any age, ability, and zip code can thrive and succeed.

WE SERVE BECAUSE...

46%

of working-age adults
with learning
differences are
employed.

82%

of Black or African-
American and 77% of
Hispanic or Latino 4th
graders read below
proficient levels.

85%

of the students we
serve have learning
differences.

Students with learning
differences drop out of
high school at nearly

3X

the rate of all
students.

We, at Benetech, strive to break down systemic barriers and empower all learners regardless of ability.



OUR MISSION

Benetech empowers inclusive and equitable learning through global technology platforms and services to enable all learners to pursue their dreams regardless of ability.



INSIGHT FROM OUR CEO, AYAN KISHORE



“There are few nonprofit organizations that are also tech enterprises, and an even smaller number that are focused on literacy and inclusion. Based on my own experience and strengths, I am confident in leading Benetech to deliver against our goals around education equity to meet the challenges of these times. As education becomes more blended and increasingly moves outside of schools to homes and communities, there will be new pathways to amplify our work.”

CEO of Benetech, Ayan Kishore

BOOKSHARE & BEYOND

Benetech has been committed to education equity and inclusive learning solutions for over 20 years as the developer of Bookshare, the world's largest service for accessible education materials. Today, the vast majority of our users, over 85%, are students with learning differences that can now read and learn in ways that work for them. We continue to scale and innovate including taking on the next frontier of learning content by making STEM accessible and equitable for all learners.

OUR EDUCATION IMPACT:

Partnered with over:

1,000

publishers

Support over:

40,000

schools & districts

Serve over:

1.5 MILLION

learners

Delivered over:

20 MILLION

accessible books and
materials

WHERE WE WORK:

DOMESTIC:



- Nationwide with regional focus in:**
- Albuquerque, NM
 - Atlanta, GA
 - Clark County, NV
 - Detroit, MI
 - Memphis, TN



GLOBAL:



Key Countries:

- India
- Kenya
- Philippines

DOMESTIC:

HOW WE SERVE:

GLOBAL:

- Free services for all U.S. students
- Community outreach with parents and educators
- Partnerships with local nonprofits
- Culturally responsive content and learning materials
- Training and coaching



- Inclusive classrooms
- Digital literacy training
- Partnerships with workforce NGOs
- Local language content
- Community outreach and training

DOMESTIC:

- 8 million K-12 students in the U.S. have a learning difference that qualifies them for services like Bookshare
- Students are using more educational technologies accelerated by rapid adoption due to pandemic.
- Benetech is changing the learning experience for all students, regardless of ability, through accessible content.

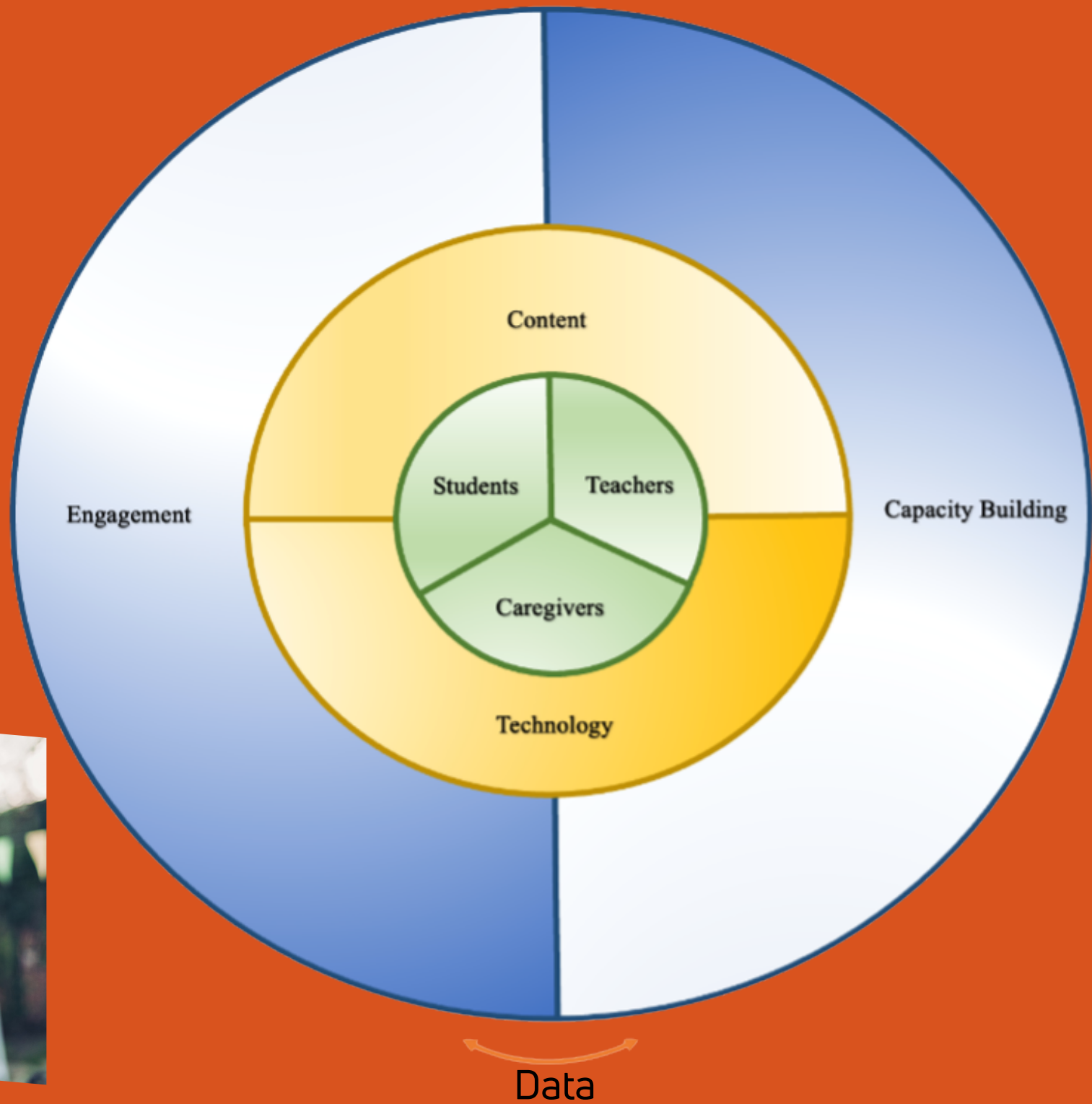
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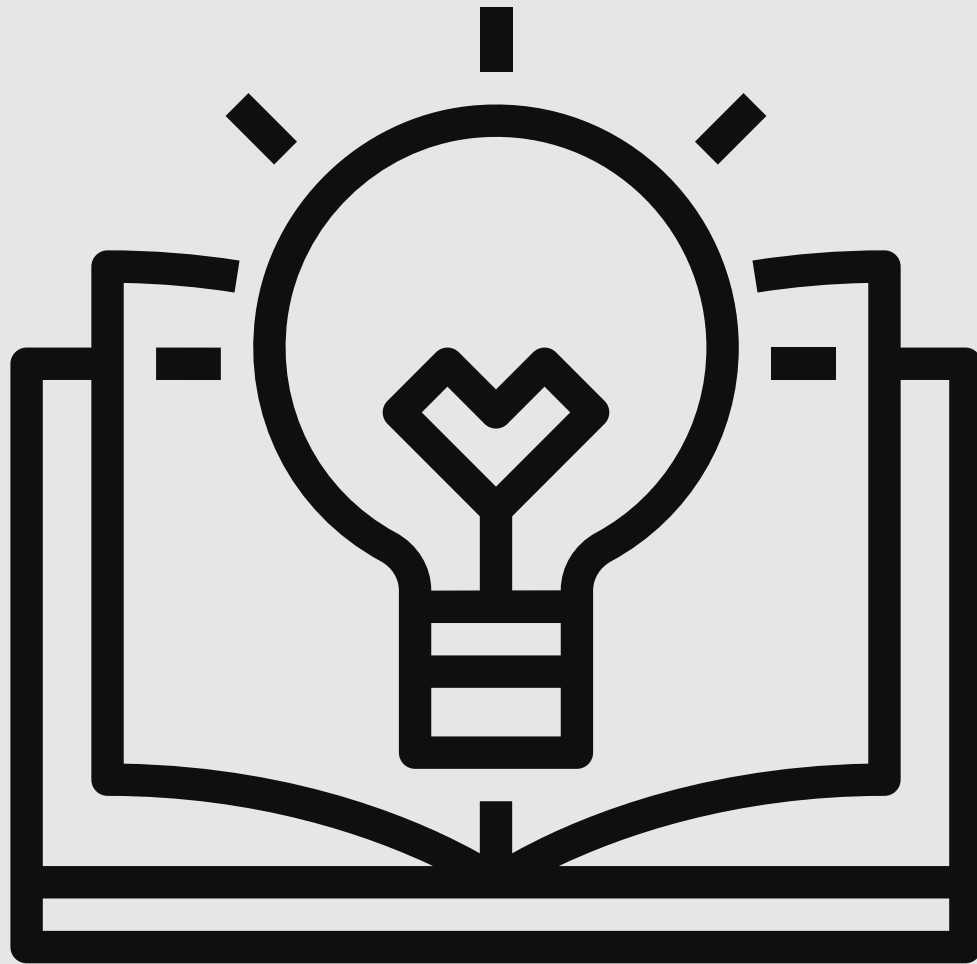


GLOBAL:

- Globally, children with disabilities are disproportionately kept out of school.
- Those who do attend school may not receive adequate instruction, may be ignored by teachers, may be forced to end their education early, or may be limited to certain subjects since accessible materials are not available for subjects such as math or chemistry.
- Benetech is working with schools and organizations to provide digital literacy and access to learning materials for students with disabilities from education to employment.

COMPONENTS OF SUCCESS





CONTENT:

Focus on high-impact, high-quality materials to meet rigorous quality standards and demonstrated student need: accessible STEM materials, teacher-created materials, and materials from diverse authors and voices will change the face of inclusive education.

TECHNOLOGY:

Deliver simple and streamlined tools and services that meet students and teachers where they are, that fit easily in teachers' or students' instructional routines, and includes integration into learning platforms they use at school.

ENGAGEMENT:

Combine high-touch, deep engagement in cohorts of underserved communities with broad yet customized nationwide digital and personal engagement.



CAPACITY BUILDING:

High-impact training and technical assistance to make sure that educators, students, and caregivers know how to effectively access and use accessible content.

DATA:

Collect, analyze and share key information on the availability, use, and impact of our accessible services and content, and work with our partners to apply this data for continual improvement in delivery.

1.5 MILLION LEARNERS & COUNTING



READY TO INVEST FOR IMPACT?

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

We have delivered more than 20 million accessible ebooks and materials helping over 1.5 million students.

1 in 5

students learn differently.

3X

likelihood of dropping out for students with learning differences compared to peers.

77% +

of Black and Brown students read below grade level.

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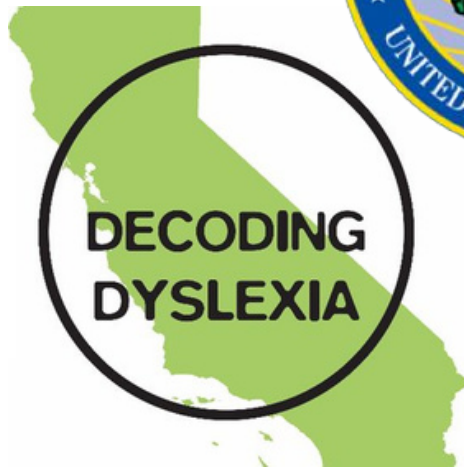
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Understood



SCHMIDT FUTURES



SIMON &
SCHUSTER

skoll

WILEY

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more about partnership
opportunities