

Testimonials in Support of Ron Packard, K12 Inc.

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Few people have made as much of an impact on the growth of online learning in the U.S. as Ron Packard. His work has helped create numerous online school opportunities for many students, teachers, and educators.

Ron founded K12 Inc. back when online learning at the elementary and secondary levels was still in its infancy. Over the years, K¹² has developed high quality online courses and a strong school management team that is now serving tens of thousands of students across the U.S. in online public schools.

I've had the opportunity to visit K¹² on many occasions and I always come away impressed with what the company has developed under Ron's leadership. K¹² has a talented staff of curriculum designers, technology experts, and school administrators, and an outstanding network of professional online school teachers.

I've known Ron for many years and his passion for education is contagious. He believes that education reform must be a priority so that American students are ready for the challenges in an increasingly competitive world. Ron is an effective spokesperson for the benefits that online learning brings to students and the limitless potential it holds to change public education for the better.

The online education industry is fortunate to have Ron Packard as one of its top leaders.

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Our five children have been enrolled in a statewide charter public school here in Wisconsin that exclusively uses the K¹² curriculum for online instruction. We chose this school for our children precisely because of the rigorous, classical curriculum that can only be found with K12 Inc. Instruction is customized to meet the individual needs and challenge the individual strengths of each child. It is simply the best education we can find.

Our family owes so very much to Ron Packard, the founder of K12 Inc. His vision brings the very best education in the world to our kitchen table in Mukwonago, Wisconsin. Our children reap the harvest of his daring, of his foresight, of his insistence on meticulous quality and practical design. Our children are curious, confident, thoughtful, eager learners who are using their formative years to the best because of the richness of the K¹² approach.

Our oldest son will turn eighteen in a few months and go off to college this fall. The man he becomes will owe a deep debt of gratitude to a man he has never met, Ron Packard. The same will be true of our second son and of our three young daughters. Each is a unique recipient of Mr. Packard's vision and dedication. Each is on a course to make their dreams come true and is better equipped than most. The same is and will be true of countless other children.

I've been privileged to be the founding president of the Wisconsin Coalition of Virtual School Families and to serve on the board of the National Coalition for Public School Options. In these capacities I have met many students who need the online instructional model and the customization K¹² offers much more critically than my own children. Some cannot go to a school building due to health challenges. Many have experienced failures in traditional classroom settings. I know a mother who treasures every day learning at home with her children because she is battling a chronic terminal illness. Mr. Packard's innovative approach has given public education a way to welcome all of these students with an inclusive, responsive, and highly effective instruction model for the 21st century.

Tens of thousands of children around the world are able to learn online with the most adaptable, exceptional, engaging coursework available as a result of Mr. Packard's leadership at K¹². Without him their lives would simply not be the same. Their futures would not be as bright. Their victories would not be as great. Their dreams would not be as bold.

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Education is a cornerstone of the American dream. It brings us together, renews our civic ethic and builds new possibilities for our future. Expanding educational opportunities so that every American can learn and realize his or her full potential is the key to making our future greater than our past.

Ron Packard is doing just that, expanding school options for families through online learning for hundreds of thousands of students around the world. Online learning is a powerful tool for current and upcoming generations making education more effective and efficient. CEO Ron Packard and his company, K12, Inc. are educational innovators who are meeting the needs of every child and every family through personalized learning, adaptive curriculum and diversity awareness. He is a rare visionary and powerful entrepreneur for the education system of America.

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Over a decade ago, Ron Packard had a vision to harness the power of the Internet to transform the way education was delivered to students in the U.S. and across the globe. He did not stop at the vision, however. Like other great entrepreneurs, he relentlessly pursued his idea. The proof of his vision and work is in the company he started. That company, K12 Inc., is now one of the leaders in the online education industry—an industry that is growing rapidly.

I've known Ron for a few years now since the publication of the book, *Disrupting Class: How Disruptive Innovation Will Change the Way the World Learns*, which I coauthored, and I have had the opportunity to present with him at conferences and education events. His passion is evident. Ron is a tireless advocate for reforming education in ways that enable educators to better customize learning for every student. He believes that all children deserve access to a high quality education regardless of their geographic, financial or demographic circumstances.

Under Ron's leadership, K12 Inc. has done much to improve and advance the field of online learning for students, teachers, and educators. I commend him for his many achievements.