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School visits are a great way to learn and are key to **developing an innovation mindset**. Based on a couple thousand school visits and with help from colleagues and readers, we've compiled a list of 66 U.S. secondary schools worth visits. The list includes schools that achieve extraordinary results for underserved communities, create powerful learning experiences, and/or are innovative blended and competency-based models.

...[The only ones in MA, that I could find on the list, are:]

46. Deeper Learning. **Springfield Renaissance School** in central Massachusetts district is "centered upon issues, problems, and challenges that either face our society now or have lessons applicable to modern times." (See feature on **Deeper Learning for Every Student Every Day**).

60. Essential. **Francis W. Parker Charter Essential School**, west of Boston, has been in the vanguard of progressive, student-centered public education for over twenty years and draws most heavily on the work of **Ted and Nancy Sizer** and the Coalition of Essential Schools (**featured by Springpoint**). It's a good place to learn about **advisory, assessment, habits of learning**.