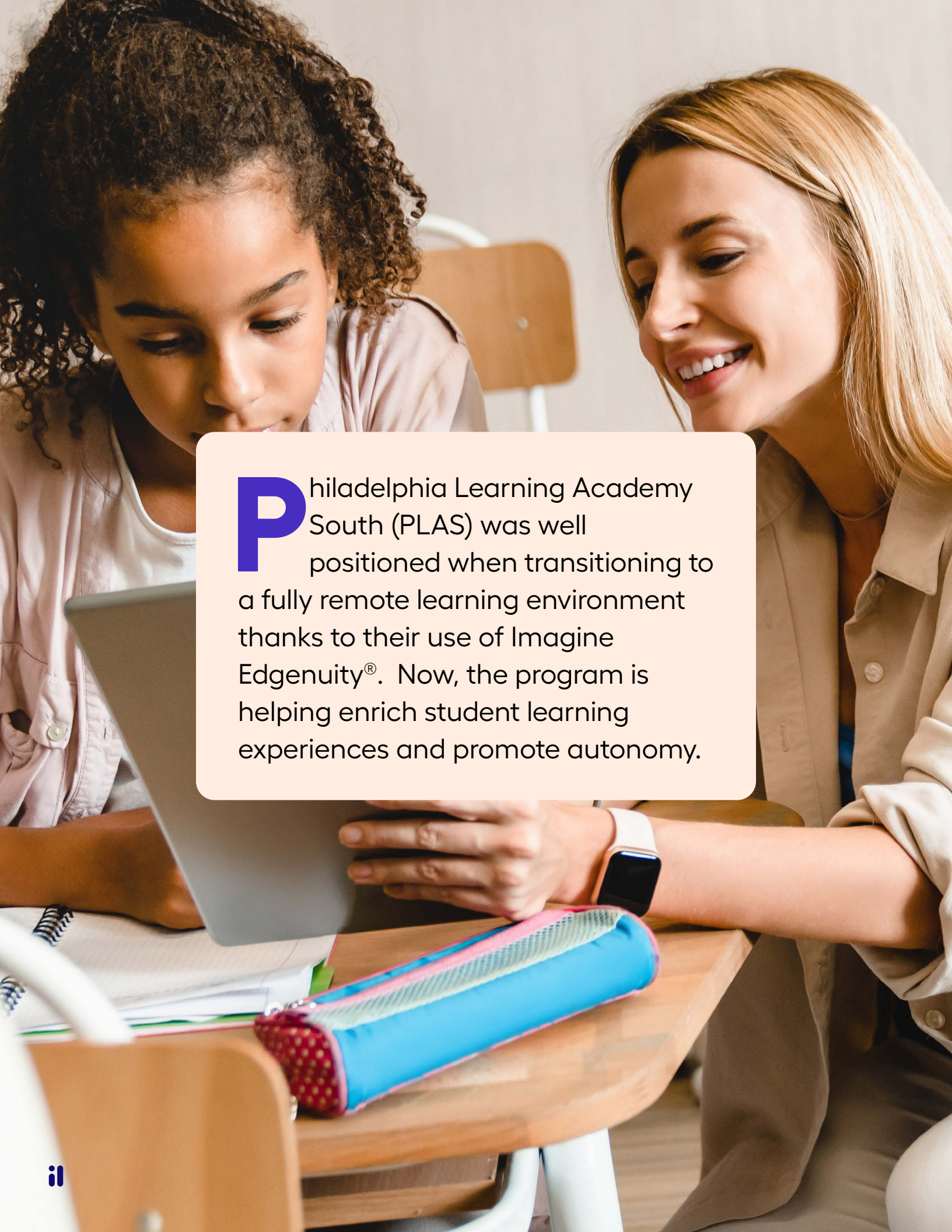# When the World Changed, This School Was Ready

Students thrive with a flexible, blended learning program that supports credit recovery and acceleration

Philadelphia Learning Academy South (PLAS) was well positioned when transitioning to a fully remote learning environment thanks to their use of Imagine Edgenuity®. Now, the program is helping enrich student learning experiences and promote autonomy.

A model for blended learning excellence

In 2020, when faced with imminent school closures, Philadelphia Learning Academy South became a model in the School District of Philadelphia for their successful transition to a virtual learning environment. How? Imagine Edgenuity.

- PLAS partnered with Imagine Edgenuity to provide a variety of flexible digital courses that support individualized pathways to graduation through credit attainment and credit recovery.
- With a well-established, effective digital program in place, PLAS's transition to a fully virtual learning environment went smoothly — and teachers have continued to find success with the program after schools reopened.

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> KIA I-H., EDGENUITY ADMINISTRATOR, PHILADELPHIA, PA

Combining best-in-class technology with effective instruction

[Imagine Edgenuity] has been a valuable tool, and the best part is that it's customizable for our individual student needs," said Kia, who credits the platform's flexibility — but emphasizes the "pivotal role" of teachers.

- "It allows [teachers] more one-on-one time with their students instead of whole-class instruction," Kia continues. "We can meet students at their individual place to offer personalized learning where and when they need it."
- **Why it matters:** teachers can better differentiate instruction based on students' diverse needs and interests and create more time for conferencing with students and parents.

The program is utilized in various ways. For specialized courses, highly qualified teachers use it to supplement instruction and enrich the learning experience. Where certified teachers are unavailable, Imagine Edgenuity supports PLAS educators teaching outside their specialty.

- Kia highlights the program's usability, emphasizing that it is user-friendly, customizable, and has a "big support base, from customer service to onboarding."
- **Why it matters:** teachers confidently guide students through a wide variety of high-quality content, even in courses outside their certification area.

Empowering students through autonomy and accountability

The self-paced learning offered in Imagine Edgenuity has empowered students with a newfound independence. Teachers continue to monitor progress and support struggling learners, but the platform gives students room to thrive.

- "Self-motivated students enjoy the program's autonomy," said Kia. "We've even had students graduate early because of the flexibility of [Imagine] Edgenuity."
- **Why it matters:** whether they need more time or are ready to accelerate, students gain ownership of their learning and can move at a pace that fits their goals.

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