More than half of educators don't have access to the tools and training they need to nurture creative problem solving. In fact, the skills identified globally as most important to creative problem solving are currently playing a minimal role in today's curricula. "Creative problem solving is critical to future career success in an age of automation," said UK Educator, Secondary. "Today's students are facing a sea change like no other, and Adobe is working with educators and policymakers worldwide to ensure that they are being prepared to be creative problem solvers. Here is what we found:

1. **Technology and Access**
   - **Lack of access to technology at home**
   - **Lack of technology in classrooms**
   - **Insufficient budget for technology**
   - **Limited availability of new software**

2. **Curriculum Reform**
   - **Limited emphasis on creative problem solving**
   - **Lack of integration of new tools**
   - **Higher-earning jobs require creative problem solving skills**

3. **Professional Development**
   - **Insufficient professional development training**
   - **Insufficient time to create**
   - **Insufficient emphasis on new policies**

There are many barriers — at the global level — to developing creative problem solvers in schools today. Educators and policymakers worldwide agree: Creative problem solving is critical to future career success in an age of automation. How Adobe is supporting educators, inspiring students and making tools more accessible.

Today's policies are not helping. Today's policies are working against students. What policy makers and educators need is more budget for technology, not just asked to get on with it. To understand new policies and implement them, not just to stay on top of already ridiculous workloads. There are many ways — small and large — to bridge the skills gap:

- **Technology alone is not the answer**
- **Effective training**
- **Independent work**
- **Budget for schools**
- **Global standards**
- **Japanese educators**

"Creative problem solving is in high demand," said German Policymaker. "Educators and policymakers worldwide agree that current policies hurt teachers' ability to nurture creative problem solving. Here is what we found:

- **55%** of educators believe that current policies hurt teachers' ability to nurture creative problem solving. Creative problem solving is critical to future career success in an age of automation."