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SMMUSD to Hold Special Meeting on November 14, 2017

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education will hold a special open session meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, at 4 pm in the district office board room: 1651 16th St., Santa Monica, CA.

The Board of Education will explore possibilities for K-12 Inquiry-Based Learning (IBL) options. The Board will study IBL educational program components, such as student learning through interests and essential questions, integrated curricular projects, and community partnerships that support adult mentor/student apprentice relationships on and off the school campus.

The Board will discuss the implications related to programs and facilities design elements that support an IBL program. As the Board considers the ways inquiry-based learning supports the Excellence through Equity focus, there will be an examination of already-established IBL school models, including High Tech High and Big Picture Learning.

Inquiry-based learning is a form of active learning that starts by posing questions, problems or scenarios—rather than simply presenting established facts or portraying a smooth path to knowledge. Students will identify and research issues and questions to develop their knowledge or solutions. Inquiry-based learning includes problem-based learning, and is generally used in small scale investigations and projects, as well as research. Inquiry-based instruction is principally very closely related to the development and practice of thinking skills.

The agenda for the special meeting will be posted on the district's website:
<http://www.smmusd.org/board/meetings.html>.

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