



## **SMMUSD Mission: Extraordinary Achievement for ALL while Simultaneously Closing the Achievement Gap**

### **Deep Learning Concept (A Project Based Approach for student engagement):**

- Increases self and others' expectations for more learning and achievement by providing a process for this
- Increases student engagement in the learning through personalization and ownership
- Connects students to the "real world," which is often more reflective of their own reality and cultural identity, which can be particularly important for students from other cultures
- Resonates with spiritual values that link to vast numbers of the population, whether secular or religious
- Builds skills, knowledge, self-confidence, and self-efficacy through inquiry
- Builds new relationships with and between the learner, their family, their communities, and their teachers
- Deepens human desire to connect with others to do good



### SMMUSD Shared Values

#### **Student-Centered**

We make decisions and allocate resources with “students first” in mind.

#### **Equity**

We meet our students where they are and provide the necessary resources and attention to make all students successful.

#### **Engagement**

We engage students in meaningful, rigorous and relevant educational experiences where they are inspired, supported, challenged and motivated.

#### **Collaboration**

We are stronger when we collaborate, dialogue and listen to each other in a civil, productive way, to improve outcomes for our students.

#### **Diversity**

We respect and value our diverse student and staff population as an integral part of our learning community.

#### **Civility**

We work and dialogue with each other in a respectful manner, setting the example for our students of how civil discourse leads to positive outcomes.