



# **Chappaqua Central School District 2015-2016 Teaching and Learning Vision and Goals**



**From Best Practice to Next Practice <sup>1</sup>  
Let's Work Together**

## **Board of Education Strategic Question**

*How can the District ensure that all students think deeply, support their thinking, apply problem-solving skills, and actively participate in their learning as they acquire content knowledge?*

### **VISION: Active student learning**

We want students engaged in experiences that involve meaningful inquiry, action, imagination, invention, interaction, hypothesizing, and personal reflection. <sup>2</sup>

*How do we create learning environments in which learners are solving relevant, complex problems both individually and collaboratively by using varied approaches, are providing accurate feedback to each other, and are setting their own learning goals?*

### **GOALS: Instruction that includes**

- Regular feedback to students that allows for revision, produces learning, and relates to learning targets.
- Language that promotes students' sense of self and well-being.
- Small group instruction based on ongoing assessment.
- Use of time, configuration of space, and technology that provide opportunities for student collaboration, creativity and innovation.
- Analysis of student work to inform instruction.

### **VISION: Strong student collaboration**

We want students to work cooperatively toward a common goal, exchange ideas, and rely on one another to create a product or arrive at a solution that could not be achieved by an individual.

*How do we create learning environments that ensure students learn meaningful collaboration skills, and have frequent, on-going, and varied opportunities to use those skills?*

### **GOALS: Teaching students to**

- Brainstorm
- Apply problem-solving processes
- Be creative
- Think divergently
- Show empathy
- Ask thoughtful questions
- Give and receive feedback