### THE ROLE OF SCHOOLS

# To prepare children for their future jobs and lives

60% of kindergarteners will hold jobs that don't exist today

### THE FUTURE OF WORK

## The top six skills employers want to see in employees:



LEADERSHIP SKILLS

ABILITY TO WORK IN A TEAM

PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS

70.2%

COMMUNICATION SKILLS

59%

INITIATIVE

65.8%

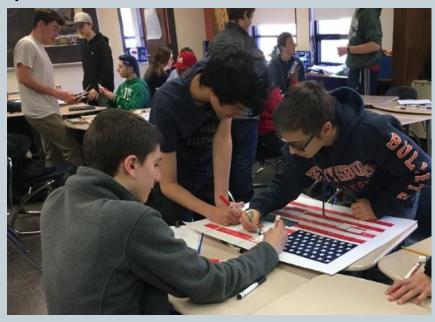
Source: Job Outlook 2016, National Association of Colleges and Employers

#### **BELMONT VISION FOR TEACHING LEARNING**

- •Rigorous academic content through which students develop the skills of communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking
- •Opportunities for students to grapple with ideas as they design, create, synthesize, and make meaning of content that is both meaningful and relevant to curious and engaged students
- School communities and learning environments that support the social and emotional development of each student

#### SUPPORTING THE EDUCATIONAL VISION

- Student-centered, interdisciplinary learning
- Real world applications
- Student learning is structured and assessed according to content standards and skills acquisition
- Skills and content knowledge are mastered through:
  - a meaningful question to explore
  - an engaging real world problem to solve
  - a challenge to design or create something



### WHAT DOES THE RESEARCH SAY

#### Research shows this type of learning:

- Decreases achievement gap
- Improves students' ability to gain social and emotional competencies
- Increases students' understanding of concepts and their ability to apply knowledge in real-life situations
- Improves student motivation
- Builds critical thinking, collaboration and problem solving skills
- Improvement in standardized test scores



### TEACHING ALIGNED WITH BPS VISION: SOCIAL STUDIES

#### **International Economic Summit**

An interactive simulation where students negotiate deals while managing trade barriers, tariffs, and financial limitations to execute a pre determined list of imports

### **Current building constraints**

- No suitable space available during school day; inequity in terms of participation when moved to a weekend
- No suitable space with AV hook-ups







### NEW BUILDING PROJECT ROOM



### TEACHING ALIGNED WITH BPS VISION: SCIENCE

### Computer Assisted Design (CAD) and Robotics

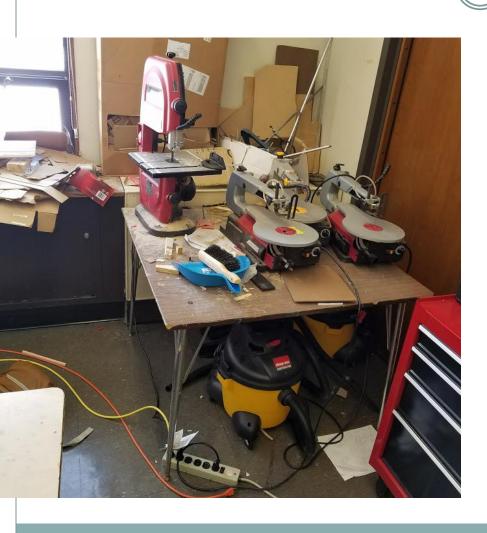
Students employ design thinking and use content knowledge to complete several design challenges

### **Current building constraints**

- Significant space limitations for students working with tools, working with partners and displaying student work
- Significant power limitations for necessary tools and significant limitations for storage of tools and supplies

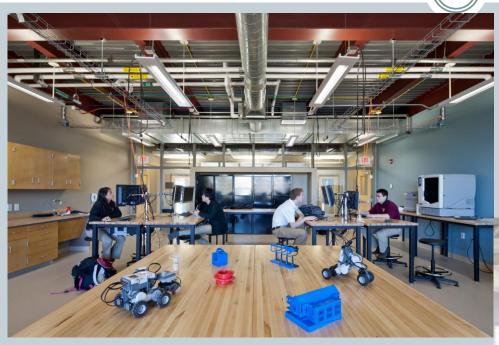








### NEW BUILDING MAKER SPACE





### TEACHING ALIGNED WITH BPS VISION: ENGLISH

### **Inquiry Circles**

An interactive stations activity where students move through the stations in groups to work toward answering a driving question

### **Current building constraints**

Significant space constraints in the classroom that required several stations to be set up in the hallways





### TEACHING ALIGNED WITH BPS VISION: FOREIGN LANGUAGE

#### **Authentic Resources**

Use of native resources to improve students' interpersonal, interpretive and presentational communication skills.
Students work in pairs or groups to practice authentic communication through creating videos, having conversations, presenting information

### **Current building constraints**

Lack of quiet space for students to work together

### NEW BUILDING BREAK OUT SPACES



