

# Core Values & Paradigm Shifts

## Port Washington UFSD 2021-22

- Every student must be made to feel both physically and emotionally safe and included to reach their full cognitive potential. Creating and supporting such an environment by all stakeholders is critical for high student achievement.
- Every student will have equitable access to opportunities and resources, including but not limited to, members of all racial and ethnic groups, low-income students, students with disabilities, and English Language Learners in a culturally and linguistically diverse and responsive environment.
- Every student will be challenged and be encouraged to challenge themselves with adult support.
  - Student learning is optimal in the place just outside of their comfort zone.
  - Student learning (and ultimate success) includes productive struggle and, occasionally, growth from failure.
- Students learn best when engaged & motivated, and students learn best when they can apply what they learn to real world situations.
  - Every student will be provided opportunities to exhibit what they have learned through project-based, collaborative, experiential, and authentic assessments.
  - Every student will be given multiple opportunities to learn both in and across all disciplines (including STEAM and the humanities).