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LETTER FROM THE ARTS COORDINATOR



I am happy to be back in Santa Clara County! Best wishes and good health to everyone as we navigate the new teaching and learning ecosystem in this unusual time! As the Arts Coordinator for Santa Clara County Office of Education, I am returning to the community where I have spent most of my career in education, as a classroom teacher/music director in San Jose Unified, teacher leader for Artspiration along with former Arts Education Local Area Network (LAN).

My work is strongly rooted in racial equity and community arts. I look forward to leveraging my experience to support the teachers and students of Santa Clara County schools and connect local arts organizations and funders to our schools.

Please feel free to contact me at sfojas@sccoe.org and join us for open collaboration times on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00-3:00** pm on Zoom. (Click [here](#) for the link). I look forward to a time soon when I can come out to visit your schools in person!

Be well and stay connected!

Sofia Fojas
Arts Coordinator

ONLINE RESOURCES



During this time of school closure, here are some resources to share with educators and students.

Resources from the Santa Clara County Office of Education
<https://www.sccoe.org/edtech/Pages/extended-school-closure.aspx>

Resources by Art Disciplines
<http://artspiration.sccoe.org/home/Pages/default.aspx>
(see the online/distance learning resource section)


Resources for Art Instruction
bit.ly/39ThM0M


OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2019-20

VAPA Teacher Network Meeting

Please join us at the next VAPA Teacher Network Meeting on **April 20, 2020**.

As we begin transitioning to using online platforms for the time being, we will be moving this event to Zoom. More information will be provided in the next few weeks.

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VAPA TEACHER NETWORK MEETINGS

Dance, Media Arts, Music, Theater, and Visual Arts
2019 - 2020 • 4-6 PM

Purpose
Network with visual and performing arts teachers from schools and districts throughout the county

Highlights

- Learn new ideas from one another
- Get updates on relevant arts issues and events
- Energize one another by being with other awesome arts educators
- Network with other art teachers

For more information, visit the *Artspiration* website or select the registration link below.

	DATES
Location School Sites around Santa Clara County	AUGUST 26, 2019
Audience VAPA Teachers (all disciplines are welcome)	JANUARY 30, 2020
Grade Level(s) TK - 12	APRIL 20, 2020

Registration
Aug. 26, 2019 - http://bit.ly/aug26vapa
Jan. 30, 2020 - http://bit.ly/jan30vapa
April 20, 2020 - http://bit.ly/april20vapa
Contact Esther Chong 408-453-6959 or esther_chong@sccoe.org

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