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Jennifer Biagio named administrator for Educational Resource Services

Leadership Support Services administrator and improvement science coach Jennifer Biagio has been selected to lead Educational Resource Services (ERS). The program is home to TCOE's library/media services department, a team of 17 curriculum specialists, and many of the organization's countywide student events.

Biagio began working for TCOE six years ago in several cross-departmental roles. She came to the organization having served as an education specialist for students with special needs in the Porterville Unified School District. As a program specialist for TCOE's Special Services division, Biagio supported districts with special education compliance. In 2018, she joined the Leadership Support Services department as the special education partner to assist Tulare County schools receiving state-mandated Differentiated Assistance. At the same time, she began training in improvement science along with colleagues at Educational Resource Services.

Biagio also co-facilitated a Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) for 19 Tulare County school sites in partnership with 26 TCOE improvement coaches to address equity. Most recently, she worked as director of the Mid-State Collaborative, a California Statewide System of Support for districts in eleven neighboring county offices of education. Her work with the Mid-State Collaborative centered on providing technical assistance, and supporting network improvement communities, MTSS, social and emotional learning, and data conversations.

"We are excited that Jenn has agreed to serve as lead for ERS," said Tim Hire, Tulare County Superintendent of Schools. "She has a breadth of knowledge, having worked in two of our divisions. She also brings a deep passion for equity, improvement science, and utilizing data to support student achievement on a personal level."



Teachers invited to register for virtual Student Art Exhibition

Student Art Exhibition



TCOE's annual Student Art Exhibition will be held online again this year. Open to students in grades PK-12, the annual exhibition showcases the county's gifted young artists who create two- and three-dimensional pieces utilizing a variety of mediums. The online exhibition will be held December 1 through February 28.

A panel of local artists will judge all entries submitted to the virtual exhibition. Those pieces receiving a Best of Show award will be recognized in a special exhibition in March during Arts Education Month. Best of Show artwork will also be eligible for additional recognition as Best of the Best in Tulare County.

"The response to last year's first virtual exhibition was amazing," said Tim Hire, Tulare County Superintendent of Schools. "Hundreds of additional pieces and video performances joined the exhibition when we celebrated Arts Education Month this past March. We're hoping to continue this momentum of celebrating the arts in Tulare County and, through our virtual gallery, giving others a greater opportunity to appreciate these amazing works."

Teachers interested in participating in the exhibition should preregister by **October 1**. All artwork is due to event coordinators by November 1. For more information on the Student Art Exhibition, visit bit.ly/TCOE-SAE. Teachers needing support on integrating the arts into their curriculum are encouraged to contact to Kate Stover, Visual and Performing Arts curriculum specialist, at kate.stover@tcoe.org.



Photo above:

~ Last year, the Student Art Exhibition was held in a virtual gallery and featured hundreds of pieces including Godmother's Grandma by Halle M. from Woodlake High School. The event will be held in a virtual gallery again this year.

Around the County

Lindsay, Woodlake Unified School Districts part of \$4.1M grant

Last week, the James B. McClatchy Foundation announced that Lindsay Unified School District and Woodlake Unified School District would benefit from a \$4.1 million grant awarded for early childhood education in the Central Valley. The foundation's grant focuses on dual language learners and is for five school districts and the California Education Partners.

"With a mission to champion dual language-speaking children across the Central Valley, the Foundation is pleased to award another \$4.1M in grant funding for Central Valley school districts and partnerships," the foundation press release stated. "These are grant partners that have proactively placed a priority on early learning programs in their organization strategic plans and in accordance with statewide policies. Through this funding, they will be able to further invest in young dual language learners and enhance their early educational journey."



The other school districts part of the grant are Delhi Unified School District in Merced County, Washington Unified School District in Fresno County, and Winters Joint Unified School District in Yolo County.

To read the complete press release, visit jbmccclatchyfoundation.org.

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