



Baldwin Union Free School District

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Dear Baldwin Families,

We are pleased to announce that Tara Cocheo is joining the Baldwin Union Free School District as our new Director of Fine and Performing Arts on August 24, 2026. She brings fourteen years of experience as an educator and leader to Baldwin, having worked with students across all grade levels and served in a variety of instructional and leadership capacities.

Ms. Cocheo holds a Post-Graduate Certificate in Educational Leadership from Stony Brook University, a Master of Science in Music Education from Queens College, and a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education from SUNY Fredonia. She also holds New York State certifications as a School District Leader, School Building Leader, and K–12 Music educator.

Most recently, Ms. Cocheo has served as Lead Teacher for the Farmingdale Music Department, where she has led a comprehensive revision of the district's K–12 music curricula and worked closely with teachers and administrators to strengthen programming and align instruction with the New York State Learning Standards for the Arts. She brings to Baldwin a strong background in curriculum development, instructional leadership, professional development, and arts advocacy. Her leadership experience extends beyond the classroom through her work as Nassau Secondary Vice President of the Long Island String Festival Association, a NYSSMA Festival Chairperson, and a member of Farmingdale's Professional Development Program/APPR Committee. She has also played an active role in mentoring new teachers, coordinating large-scale student festivals and performances, and advocating for expanded opportunities and resources for the fine and performing arts.

We are excited for Ms. Cocheo to bring her passion for the arts, collaborative leadership style, and commitment to instructional excellence to the Baldwin community. As director, she will work alongside our outstanding teachers, administrators, students, and families to build upon Baldwin's proud tradition of excellence in the fine and performing arts while continuing to create new opportunities for our students to discover their talents, express their creativity, and grow as artists and learners.

Please join us in extending a warm Baldwin welcome to Ms. Tara Cocheo as she begins this exciting new chapter on August 24. We look forward to her leadership and to all that our students and arts programs will accomplish together in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

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Estimadas familias de Baldwin,

Nos complace anunciar que Tara Cocheo se incorpora a Baldwin Schools como nuestra nueva Directora de Bellas Artes y Artes Escénicas el 24 de agosto de 2026. Se incorpora a Baldwin con catorce años de experiencia como educadora y líder, habiendo trabajado con estudiantes de todos los cursos escolares y desempeñando diversas funciones de enseñanza y liderazgo.

La Sra. Cocheo posee un Certificado de Posgrado en Liderazgo Educativo por la Universidad de Stony Brook, un Máster en Ciencias en Educación Musical por Queens College y una Licenciatura en Educación Musical por SUNY Fredonia. También posee certificaciones estatales como líder de distrito escolar, líder de edificios escolares y educadora musical de K-12.

Más recientemente, la Sra. Cocheo ha sido profesora principal del Departamento de Música de Farmingdale, donde ha liderado una revisión integral de los planes de estudio de música para K-12 del distrito y ha trabajado estrechamente con profesores y administradores para fortalecer la programación y alinear la enseñanza con los Estándares de Aprendizaje para las Artes del Estado de Nueva York. Aporta a Baldwin una sólida formación en desarrollo curricular, liderazgo instruccional, desarrollo profesional y defensa de las artes. Su experiencia en liderazgo va más allá del aula a través de su trabajo como vicepresidenta de la Long Island String Festival Association en Nassau Secondary, presidenta del Festival NYSSMA y miembro del Programa de Desarrollo Profesional/Comité APPR de Farmingdale. También ha desempeñado un papel activo en la mentoría de nuevos profesores, coordinando festivales y actuaciones estudiantiles a gran escala, y defendiendo la ampliación de oportunidades y recursos para las bellas artes y las artes escénicas.

Estamos entusiasmados de que la Sra. Cocheo aporte su pasión por las artes, su estilo de liderazgo colaborativo y su compromiso con la excelencia educativa a la comunidad de Baldwin. Como directora, trabajará junto a nuestros excelentes profesores, administradores, estudiantes y familias para fortalecer la orgullosa tradición de excelencia de Baldwin en las bellas artes y las artes escénicas, mientras continúa creando nuevas oportunidades para que nuestros estudiantes descubran sus talentos, expresen su creatividad y crezcan como artistas y aprendices.

Por favor, únanse a nosotros para dar una cálida bienvenida Baldwin a la señora Tara Cocheo mientras comienza este emocionante nuevo capítulo el 24 de agosto. Esperamos con interés su liderazgo y todo lo que nuestros estudiantes y programas artísticos lograrán juntos en los próximos años.

Atentamente,

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Chè Fanmi Baldwin yo,

Nou kontan anonse ke Tara Cocheo ap rantre nan Lekòl Baldwin kòm nouvo Direktè nou an nan Fine ak Performing Arts nan dat 24 out 2026. Li rantre nan Baldwin ak katòz ane eksperyans kòm yon edikatè ak lidè, li te travay ak elèv nan tout nivo klas epi sèvi nan yon varyete kapasite enstriksyonèl ak lidèchip.

Madam Cocheo gen yon Sètifika Postgraduate nan Lidèchip Edikasyon nan Stony Brook University, yon Mèt nan Syans nan Edikasyon Mizik nan Queens College ak yon bakaloreya nan Arts nan Edikasyon Mizik nan SUNY Fredonia. Li gen sètifikasyon Eta New York kòm Lidè Distri Lekòl yo, Lidè Bilding Lekòl ak edikatè Mizik K-12.

Dènyèman, Madam Cocheo te sèvi kòm Pwofesè Prensipal pou Depatman Mizik Farmingdale, kote li te dirije yon revizyon konplè nan kourikoulòm mizik K-12 distri a epi li te travay sere sere avèk pwofesè ak administratè yo pou ranfòse pwogramasyon epi aliye enstriksyon ak Estanda Aprantisaj Eta New York pou Atizay yo. Li pote nan Baldwin yon bon background nan devlopman kourikoulòm yo, lidèchip enstriksyonèl, devlopman pwofesyonèl, ak defans atizay. Eksperyans lidèchip li pwolonje pi lwen pase salklas la atravè travay li kòm Nassau Secondary Vis Prezidan nan Long Island String Festival Association, yon Prezidan Festival NYSSMA, ak yon manm nan Pwogram Devlopman Pwofesyonèl Farmingdale / Komite APPR. Li te jwe tou yon wòl aktif nan konseye nouvo pwofesè, kowòdone gwo echèl festival elèv yo ak pèfòmans, ak defann opòtinite elaji ak resous pou atizay amann ak pèfòmans. Nou kontan pou Madam Cocheo pote pasyon li pou atizay yo, style lidèchip kolaborasyon, ak angajman nan ekselans enstriksyonèl nan kominote Baldwin la. Kòm Direktè, li pral travay ansanm ak pwofesè eksepsyonèl nou yo, administratè, elèv ak fanmi nou yo pou bati sou tradisyon fyè Baldwin nan ekselans nan atizay amann ak pèfòmans pandan y ap kontinye kreye nouvo opòtinite pou elèv nou yo dekouvri talan yo, ekspriye kreyativite yo, epi grandi kòm atis ak elèv k ap aprann yo.

Tanpri, rantre nan nou nan pwolonje yon bèl akeyi Baldwin Madam Tara Cocheo pandan li kòmanse nouvo chapit enteresan sa a sou 24 Out. Nou gade pou pi devan lidèchip li ak tout sa elèv nou yo ak pwogram atizay yo pral akonpli ansanm nan ane kap vini yo.

Mèsi

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