Highlights for September 11-17:
National Focus on SFUSD’s Arts Programs

San Francisco School of the Arts (SOTA) will unveil a new marquee to celebrate both the school's renaming in honor of esteemed local artist Ruth Asawa and to mark 30 years as a public arts high school. Actor/Writer Peter Coyote, State Senator Mark Leno, Superintendent Carlos Garcia, author Milton Chen and others will remark on the importance of arts education. Asawa SOTA students will perform live music during the event and a tour of the school will be offered.

When:   Wednesday, Sept. 14 / 11:00 a.m.
Where:  Ruth Asawa School of the Arts / 555 Portola DR.

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Leaders in the arts education communities around the Bay Area will gather to discuss the collective impact of the arts on public education. Joining the panel will be SF Board of Education President Hydra Mendoza, SFUSD Deputy Director Richard Carranza (an accomplished Mariachi musician) and SFUSD Visual and Performing Arts Artistic Director Susan Stauter. Panelists will discuss their own experiences with the arts in the classroom.

When:   Wednesday, Sept. 14 / 6:15 -7:45 p.m.

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Arts education experts from around the nation will convene to talk about best practices, emerging research and policy around arts-rich learning. SFUSD’s Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) team will host an interactive session to talk about how to transform the urban arts education landscape one principal at a time with an innovative “Principals of the Arts” professional development model that exposes school leaders to the arts in San Francisco in order to develop their capacity to champion arts education at their respective school sites.

When:   Thursday, Sept 15 / 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.
Where:  Sir Francis Drake Hotel / 450 Powell St.

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