

Alane Paul Castro
(March 1960 – March 2020)

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Alane Paul Castro died unexpectedly on March 16, 2020 in San Leandro, California. She grew up in Amherst and graduated from Hampshire College with a concentration in Education. She earned a Master’s degree in International Education (1992) from UMass Amherst. She is also a National Board Certified teacher and has the Integrated Learning Specialist certification.

Alane was an Instructional Coach from TK to 12th grade in San Leandro supporting classroom teachers in implementation of Common Core State Standards, blended learning, arts integration and Project-Based Learning. She has taught elementary school for the past 24 years in San Leandro, San Francisco and Costa Rica.

Alane was a teacher first, always and foremost. She began her career in a primary school in Costa Rica and went on to teach children and adults in a variety of settings and cities across the globe. While teaching in San Francisco, Alane won the prestigious Golden Apple Fellowship where she studied arts integration at UC Berkeley. More recently, she held leadership roles for the San Leandro Unified School District as an Instructional Coach and Interim Principal. Her passion for education and justice and the arts reached far and wide, inspiring teachers and students alike to advocate, create, and learn from each other.

No matter where she was in the world, Alane was never far away. She made a point to spend time with the people she loved, whether it was traveling with her best friend, enjoying a book with her mom, or spending time with her siblings in Vermont. Alane’s humor, love and advice will always be treasured by her family.

