

# Learning Letter

August 2020

*"Opportunities to find deeper powers within ourselves come when life seems most challenging."*

– JOSEPH CAMPBELL | AUTHOR

Immense opportunity can sometimes come disguised as extreme hardship. Let's use this time to set new goals and to learn and accomplish amazing things. It's the perfect time to reinvent the future!

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR.....Enroll Early for Job Relevant Trainings on Distance Learning Resources being offered: 8/28, 8/31 and 9/1**

**New Classes and Enrollments will be added Daily. Watch the Poway Professional Learning website for added classes (recommend checking daily for new classes): <https://ppl.powayusd.com>** Please be respectful and share the resources by only signing up for what you need most. Duplicate enrollments in multiple sessions of the same offering will be removed.

Here are a list of courses that are anticipated to be offered:

**Outlook Basics**

**Google Suite: Drive, Docs and Slides**

**MS Office: Excel and Powerpoint**

**Special Ed Overview: "Classroom" management strategies**

**The Big 4 of Mental Toughness: Smart Goal planning**

**Top 5 ways You can Help in a Virtual Classroom**

**CPR, First Aid, AED**

**Introduction to Zoom**

**Introduction to Canvas**

**Accessibility Tools for Google Chrome**

This is not a full list of offerings and classes are still being created. Typically, training sessions will run 1-3 hours with a few lasting longer. Repeat and multiple sessions of the same material will be offered when available. We will also record sessions where we are able to and offer on the PSEA website for general viewing and review.

Many thanks to Classified Staff, SDCOE and Poway Adult Education for their class offerings!

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## Resources for Instructional Assistants and Paraprofessionals

The Technology & Innovation Department has been working throughout the summer to create virtual learning platforms, create training sessions and to create a user friendly webpage. They have committed to providing the following resources to assist classified staff in the virtual environment on or before August 28th.

**PUSD Zoom for Educators: a PUSD focused training module which includes videos and instruction on PUSD Zoom features and accessibilities which will be offered to all PUSD personnel, certificated & classified.**

**Webinar recordings of trainings that were offered during the weeks of 8/17 and 8/24**

**Canvas training: a self paced, individual training tutorial**

In addition, there are already **a large number of resources available** on the PUSD Digital Teaching Resources (click on links below):

Google Suite tips and tricks:

<https://sites.google.com/powayusd.com/pusddigitalteachingresources/tool-resources/google-suite>

Zoom in the Digital Classroom:

<https://sites.google.com/powayusd.com/pusddigitalteachingresources/tool-resources/zoom>

Canvas Overview and Tips & Tricks:

<https://sites.google.com/powayusd.com/pusddigitalteachingresources/canvas-myconnect>

Tool Resources (Including Google Classroom, Seesaw, Flipgrid, Newsela, etc):

<https://sites.google.com/powayusd.com/pusddigitalteachingresources/tool-resources>

**Link to Spring 2020 Video Recorded Trainings** on a large variety of resources (you will need to be logged in with your PUSD Google account to access videos):

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tHRgtQZZGwGjr2EDgHwQAlfDDP2IYxhU57NFvokdU8A/edit?usp=sharing>

**Live webinar sessions** - contact your Principal to confirm that you can timesheet for attendance if these fall outside of your normally contracted working hours (see PUSD/PSEA MOU dated 8/4/20).

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## Innovative Digital Learnings (recorded Webinars) available through COVID-19 SDCOE Website

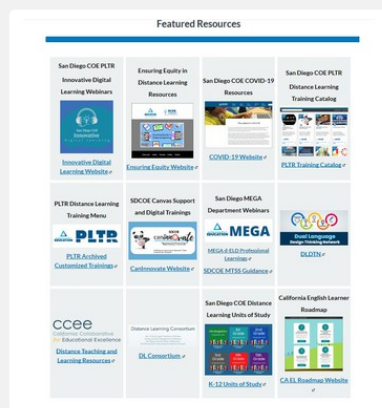
*To help facilitate virtual learning, the San Diego County Office of Education's Professional Learning and Technology Research Team has created and collaborated with educational experts to provide distance learning resources that are published online through the [COVID-19 SDCOE Website \(Links to an external site.\)](#). This website provides a comprehensive list of subject-specific resources to support distance learning, guidance, planning materials, training, and ongoing and archived professional learning for schools and districts.*

*The San Diego COE site offers archived video recordings of professional learning opportunities using Zoom and Canvas tools. These Innovative Distance Learnings include: accessing and using the SDCOE Pandemic Planning Guide and resources, best practices to ensure equity through distance learning, content specific digital learning instructional resources, digital tools to support multilingual learners, accessibility and adaptive tools to support specialized learners, free online tools, San Diego community resources for collaborating and learning, and trending technology tools for communication and productivity.*

See pictures below for resources, modules and vendor trainings available through SDCOE.

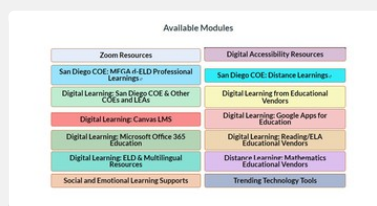
Click below to Access Full offerings of SDCOE Webinars and Resources:

<https://bit.ly/SDCOEdigital>



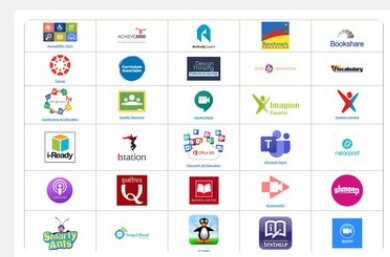
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Available Modules

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Vendor Trainings

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## Learning new skills to build confidence



## Updated Content Available through Lynda.com/LinkedIn Learning

Lynda.com / LinkedIn Learning is constantly updating their video trainings to remain relevant, relatable and useful in today's working environment. Below, I have listed a number of newly discovered trainings that can assist with Distance Learning and balancing our lives during these uncertain times. Titles of current topics that are available with a license are:

**Learning Google Classroom 2016**  
**Teacher Tech Tips**  
**Learning to Teach Online**  
**Learning How to Increase Learner Engagement**  
**Balancing Work and Life as a Work-from-Home Parent**  
**The Six Morning Habits of High Performers**  
**How to Be an Adaptable Employee During Change and Uncertainty**

Contact Tania Rowe @ [Taniarowe@powaysea.org](mailto:Taniarowe@powaysea.org) if you are interested in a free Lynda.com license.

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