



March 8, 2021

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Greetings!

Good morning! I hope you had a great weekend and are looking forward to an excellent week with our students!

CVTA Executive Board Elections - Voting begins today

Please make sure to check your personal email account this morning for your voting email. Voting will take place from today Monday March 8th through Friday March 12th. If you have already checked your email thoroughly, including junk and/or clutter, and haven't found it, you may contact our CVTA Elections Chair, Sarah Chavez, at cvtaelections@gmail.com.

Please note: We will need to run the NEA-RA election again, as no one was nominated to represent CVTA at the conference. It will not be part of the voting this week, so please look for that at a future date.

COVID-19 Vaccines

I know many of you still haven't been able to get an appointment for your vaccine. We do not have much of an update on the clinic which is supposed to be held in CVUSD for all employees, except that it may be the week of 3/15/21. Many members have reached out to share websites or phone numbers with which they have had success.

Here is what has been shared:

- www.calvax.org
- www.curative.com/sites/25163
- call Desert Oasis directly
- call Kaiser directly
- call Riverside University Health Systems (800) 945-6171
- check CVS, Walgreens, Costco websites directly

Elementary Conferences are 3/11/21 from 3:20-6:20pm. Last week I accidentally showed them ending at 6:00pm. (Minimum day is on March 10th - no District PD.)

Amended AB 86 and a Return to In-Person Instruction

As you likely heard last week, Governor Newsom and our State Legislature reached agreement on incentives for offering in-person instruction by April 1st for TK-2 and small cohorts. We are still looking at the information closely along with CTA, but here is what I want to make sure you know:

- CVUSD has not completed a safety plan, which is required to be approved by both the county and the state and posted on the District website before we can offer in-person instruction.
- We still have not finished negotiating a Hybrid MOU, and neither has CSEA.
- Our CVUSD School Board has not selected a date yet to offer in-person instruction.
- The agreement reached by the governor and legislature is an incentive for extra money, not a mandate for current money we receive.
- [You can read CTA President E. Toby Boyd's statement about this agreement here](#)

We will keep you informed as things change and move along. At this point, though, you should have already requested accommodations if needed (get it in if you still haven't done this). Part of what we are negotiating in the MOU is how people will be selected to teach the in-person Hybrid

classes, so we are not able to answer questions about that yet.

Clarification on Opting Out of Testing and a Member's Rights

Last week I shared a link to CTA's page about your rights to inform parents about opting out of testing. [Click here if you missed it last week](#)

Please be sure to read it carefully! Here is a summary:

- You **may** inform parents of their right to opt their children out of testing.
- You **may** share the website with them if they'd like more information (cta.org/optout).
- You **may not** suggest to a parent that they opt their child out of testing (even if they ask for your opinion).
- You **may not** seek out only one or two parents with whom to share opt out information. If you are going to contact one parent with the information, you should contact all parents. An exception to this is if one parent reaches out to you, you may inform that parent of his/her rights and share the website, but you are not then obligated to contact all of your other parents.

While the District is required to test 95% of their students each year, that has no effect whatsoever on your right to inform parents. The District may choose to include opt out information in letters they send to parents regarding testing, but that also has no effect on your right to inform parents.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this!

CVUSD Facilities Meetings

Many of you have reached out to ask about the \$17.5 million overage with the PV project. I wanted to let you know that, just like the School Board Meetings, the Facilities Committee Meetings are public and being held on Zoom right now. You can also submit public comments if you'd like.

Facilities Committee Meetings are typically held prior to the second School Board Meeting each month and the next one is on 3/25/21 at 3:30 pm. There is definitely a convoluted process to access the meetings or to submit public comments. Here is how to find them: CVUSD Website>Departments>Business Services>Facilities> and then choose either Public Comments or Facility Committee Meetings for the Zoom link.

Upcoming CTA Conferences

Right now, CTA conferences are virtual, free to members, and they will even pay for your university credit if you need units! Don't miss out on this opportunity! Here is what's coming up:

CTA Good Teaching Conference - Middle and High School Version March 11-14

<https://www.cta.org/event/2021-good-teaching-conference-sec>

CTA Special Education Conference Home Edition April 30- May 2

<https://www.cta.org/event/2021-special-education-conference>

Hybrid Prep Site Visits

I continue to make site visits to see the classroom and school site set ups for teaching in person. The number one concern we have is that all safety guidelines will be followed in the Hybrid Model, so I will be looking specifically for what the School Board has been told is happening at sites in preparation. This includes the plexiglass barriers, the air filtration, the distance between students as well as students from teacher, sanitizing stations, one way path markings, etc. Each week I will give an update about what I've seen. We do recognize that it is nearly impossible to be fully set up not knowing yet which teachers will remain in Distance Learning and which will return to in-person instruction, so we are looking for sample classrooms planned at various grade levels.

- VV - This site is pretty much ready in theory, just a couple small things to correct. Well thought out in order to provide the safest environment for both students and staff. Of course everything is not set up completely due to not having a specific hybrid opening date.
- DM - Another site that is mostly planned in theory, but not fully set up as they are waiting for a specific date and final numbers. Visited a couple of classrooms that were set up and saw other items they are still working on.
- AE - AE was by far the most prepared site I've visited. They could provide in-person

- instruction today if it was possible. No recommendations needed at this site.
- This week visiting: ECE. That's it! I've visited all sites after that, but may need to go back for a follow-up at some to make sure things were corrected.

Reporting COVID Illnesses or seeking COVID Information

If you need information about what leaves are available or to report a positive COVID case, please use the HRleaves@cvusd.us email.

You are doing a great job educating our students during this pandemic! Thank you for working as hard as you are.

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Important Dates

- **March 10th** - Elementary Minimum Day
- **March 11th** - Elementary Conferences 3:20-6:20 pm
- **March 11th** - CVUSD School Board Meeting, 5:30 pm
- **March 12th - 14th** - CTA Good Teaching Conference
- **March 15th** - RIF/Non re-elect notification deadline
- **March 17th** - CVTA Rep Council via Zoom, 4:30 pm
- **March 23rd** - High School (including LF) conferences 4:30 - 6:30 pm
- **March 24th** - HS (including LF) and MS Minimum Day
- **March 25th** - Middle School conferences 4:30 - 6:30 pm
- **March 25th** - CVUSD School Board Meeting, 5:30 pm
- **March 31st** - CVTA Eboard Meeting via Zoom 4:00 pm

Carissa Carrera
CVTA President

"You can't do it unless you organize."

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