

June 3, 2024

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Good morning! With only 7 days left, we should be expecting our assignments and beginning the check-out process. For some sites, this is what's happening. For others we aren't exactly sure what's going on.

As I've shared before, much of the information that has been shared in previous years is no longer being shared. Texts and emails are going unanswered. Additionally, the information provided seems to be inaccurate anyhow. This is concerning on many levels. CVTA has worked diligently over the past few years to build a strong working relationship with the district. Recently, however, it seems no one in the district is interested in working together (or they are no longer allowed to do so).

Many procedures and protocols are rapidly changing. A recent example is that interview panels apparently can now include consultants (non-employee, contractors). The Ed Services Department has been completely restructured, eliminating the EL Department. The interviews for all the new positions will take place this week, and it seems the newest consultant, Gary Soto, will be sitting in on interviews as a panelist. Additionally, some people in the Ed Services Department are being told to vacate their offices if it is known that they've sought employment elsewhere for next year.

All of this is concerning, and shouldn't be concerning only to me. All of these changes are seemingly acceptable by the school board. We've shared many times about the importance of paying attention to board meeting agendas and attending meetings. The number one factor influencing your work is the school board, and the majority of them are satisfied with the dismantling of an entire department and the culture of fear evident in the DO now. This November there will be an election for four of the school board members. Your help in electing forward-thinking, student-centered trustees is going to be critical. We expect to announce our endorsed candidates within the next couple of weeks.

Site Staffing and Involuntary Transfers

At this point intervention teachers should have selected from vacancies at their sites. Any movements within the site should have taken place. Any involuntary transfers should have been notified and a plan should be in place for selecting from vacancies at other sites. Creating combos should have begun. And we should know if there are any remaining vacancies to begin bringing back some of the RIFd teachers. Unfortunately, most of this isn't being done yet. I know many of you have questions, but without the proper information from the DO, I am unable to answer those questions. Our only option will be to file grievances if anything is handled incorrectly (normally we work proactively with the district to ensure it is all done smoothly). I do appreciate those of you who are keeping me updated with the situations at your sites.

2024/2025 CVTA Site Reps - Having representation is going to matter this coming year more than ever!

As you can see we still have several vacancies. Based on what's happening right now, we expect next year to be more chaotic than ever, and you are going to need to have someone at your site to be the liaison between CVTA and membership. Please consider stepping

up...we train and support reps!

AE (1) vacant

BD (1) Kathy Akkerman

CC (2) Raquel Delgado, vacant

CDA (1) Richard Diaz

CMA (2) 2 nominees, election to be held this week

CVHS (5) Maya De Leon, vacant, vacant, vacant, one nominee, election to be held this week

DM (4) Richard Ortiz, Maria Blackmon, Joyce Mochizuki, Xochitl Zatarain

DO (1) Kimberly Lopez

ECE (1) vacant

JK (2) Rachel Kuiland, Jessica Romo

LF (1) Matt Ellis

LP (1) Kelly Reilly

MA (2) Justin Brown, vacant

MV (2) 1 nominee, 1 vacant, election to be held this week

OA (1) vacant

PP (1) Melissa Boomer

PV (2) vacant

SM (2) 2 nominees, election to be held this week

SV (1) vacant

TC (2) Luis Barraza, Lisa Hall

VDS (2) Stephanie Ortiz, vacant

VV (1) Carlos Villa

WS (1) Lily Zamora

WSHS (1) John Sellers

Thank you to those who stepped up for this very important responsibility!!

End of Year Social

Our Social Chair, Kelly Reilly (LP), has planned our end-of-year social to take place on June 7th. We hope you will be able to join us for a bit of time! The event is for CVTA members only at Red Robin in La Quinta from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Please see the flyer below!

Important Information

- We have the rehire list for those who received final notices (57 of our members). We will not publish the list for privacy reasons. If you would like to know your number, please email Rebecca Kay at cvtarebecca@qmail.com.
- This is still an issue...Public comments submitted electronically are no longer read aloud at school board meetings. We aren't sure what they are doing with them and they won't even acknowledge they received any.
- The next school board meeting is on June 13th (the scheduled summer meetings are in the calendar below). CVTA continues to attend summer meetings...if you are around, please consider joining us. Many significant decisions are made over the summer which will affect your working conditions.

CVTA Member Spotlight (Nominate someone here)

There were no new nominees for this week. We look forward to seeing all the new nominees next school year.

Wishing you all a great week with your students!



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Important Dates

- June 7th: CVTA End of Year Social Red Robin (LQ) 4:00 pm 6:00 pm
- June 11th: Last day of school
- June 13th: CVUSD School Board Mtg. 5:30 pm @ DO (<u>Live Stream Link here</u>). (<u>Submit public comments here</u>)
- June 27th: CVUSD School Board Mtg. 5:30 pm @ DO (<u>Live Stream Link here</u>). (<u>Submit public comments here</u>)
- July 18th: CVUSD School Board Mtg. 5:30 pm @ DO (Live Stream Link here). (Submit public comments here)
- August 8th: CVUSD School Board Mtg. 5:30 pm @ DO (<u>Live Stream Link here</u>). (<u>Submit public comments here</u>)
- August 20th: First Teacher Workday
- August 22nd: CVUSD School Board Mtg. 5:30 pm @ DO (<u>Live Stream Link here</u>). (<u>Submit public</u> comments here)



Carissa Carrera

CVTA President

"An injury to one is an injury to all."

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