

CTA PD and COVID-19 Resources May 26, 2020

Good morning. We only have 8 days left of the 19/20 school year, counting today. It will go quickly, I'm sure.

Many of you have already gone back to complete your checkout process. I'm hearing from many of you that it is a difficult thing to go back to your room for the first time and see it still set up for March 13th. None of us expected this when we left that day. I hope you are taking the time to take care of your mental health, because this is certainly stressful in a whole new way we've never experienced. I know I am making myself exercise and get outside for a bit every day. It really does make a difference in my outlook on things!

At the CVUSD School Board Meeting last week, the board approved drive through graduations in addition to the virtual ones previously approved. No dates are set yet, however. Also, Board Member Neftalí Galarza announced that he will resign due to having to move out of his Trustee Area at the end of this month. We do not know if the District will appoint a replacement or fill it another way, because Galarza's resignation is not yet official. The board also discussed the potential cuts to School District budgets, but acknowledged they are only potential cuts at this time and they need to proceed in planning as if they will receive their usual funding.

What Can You Do About the Potential Budget Cuts?

Last week I shared a flyer from CTA about how you can help, in just 5 minutes, by making a short phone call. It's very easy, and the impact of this small action could have such a great result. If the HEROES Act passes, the potential budget cuts go away! Sounds like a great reason to get involved.

Here I am including a link to send an email to your legislators about school funding. Just like the phone call, it's very quick and easy to do!

Tell State Lawmakers to Support a Budget with No Education Cuts

COVID-19 Cases in CVUSD

I continue to get updates from HR about sites having to be closed down because of positive cases with someone who has been on the site. I already shared about Mecca Elementary, and they have a very thorough sanitization procedure taking place right now so they can open back up.

Late last week I was notified about possible exposure at La Familia, which has been shut down, and Peter Pendelton, where only the main office has been shut down. These facilities will also be sanitized. The District is being very good about contact tracing and notifying people who may have been exposed. Thankfully in the Mecca situation, they've received many negative test results from people who may have been exposed. That's very hopeful!

District Planning Committee for Reopening 2020/2021

We have our first meeting scheduled, 5/27/2020 at 9am. CVTA will have 7 representatives on the 6 subcommittees, and we've compiled the results from the 422 surveys that were submitted, along with information from CTA Leadership and CDE Leadership that will help us plan properly for quality instruction and the safety of employees and students, no matter how we return.

I know everyone is very anxious to know specifics about next year, and we will certainly share those with you, when we have actual specifics. It's going to take time and I ask for your patience. We will not share speculations and rumors, and we will not report out the results of these meetings with the District until there is something

concrete to share. Please be assured that no major decisions will be made without you knowing about it.

CVTA Virtual Office Hours (Webex) 5/26/2020 10:00-10:45.**TODAY** Here is the information needed in order to join us this week if you have questions or concerns:

- Meeting Link: https://meetingsamer.webex.com/meetingsamer/j.php?
 MTID=mcdeec210e51168df918365fad03e24a8
- Meeting number (access code): 126 017 9170
- Meeting password: U34fmUuJJM8 (83436885 from phones and video systems)
- Join by phone: Tap to call in from a mobile device (attendees only)+1-408-418-9388 United States Toll

Finally, if you want to record a quick video or photo sending a positive message to our students, send it to Rebecca Kay at cvtarebecca@gmail.com. We will post it on our Facebook page for the students!

Please reach out if CVTA can help you with anything, and be safe.

Sincerely,

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