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Good morning!

Carissa is still out on leave (FMLA) through April 26th. Please contact me, CVTA Vice President James Steinman, during this time for union business. I can be reached via email at: cvtavp@gmail.com, or by text at: (760) 221-0722. **Please note: I prefer texts over phone calls, but feel free to email as well.**

School Board Meeting Thursday

There is a school board meeting this Thursday beginning at 5:30 pm. The links are in the calendar below if you'd like to submit public comments or watch virtually. We'd love to have members join us in person, however.

The agenda is usually posted by 5:30 pm on the Monday prior to the meeting. We always suggest taking some time to review the agenda and attachments for information pertinent to your job. This will be the first meeting with Dr. Esparza as "administrator in charge". The notification of her temporary assignment came via email last week from Board President Joey Acuña, although we have to wonder why this announcement was not made at the special board meeting after the board accepted Dr. Valentino's retirement nor was it announced at the following regular board meeting. It certainly seems that it would have been easy to make that announcement much earlier if Dr. Valentino had actually left Dr. Esparza in charge.

CVTA Virtual Office Half-Hour

Please join us between 4:30-5:00 pm this Tuesday if you have questions, comments, or just want to say hi!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88513409966>

Meeting ID: 885 1340 9966

Bargaining Update

This is the last week for the second survey. We strongly encourage you to take the time to read through the bargaining agreement and provide us with ideas for changes that have little to no cost associated with them. The survey will be open from April 15 - April 26, 2024.

Please find the link here: <https://forms.gle/8Uh6Et3Xx3B4HnUu7>. Please feel free to contact your bargaining chairperson, Ashley Sincosky, with questions at CVTAash@gmail.com.

CVTA Site Visits - Listening Tour

CVTA Board Members and CTA staff will be visiting sites over a 2-3 week period to hear from our membership (for timeliness, some sites will have meetings run by their site reps instead). A 10-Minute Meeting agenda will be provided to members prior to the meeting; and we truly are only asking for 10 minutes of your time! Please see the schedule below to plan early for your attendance - your personal input is important to the work of your union moving forward. The three sites with the greatest percentage of attendance (one at each level of elementary, middle school, and high school) will be rewarded!

AE - 4/25 @ 3:15 pm, Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84611092685>

BD - TBD by site rep

CC - 4/25 @ 3:00 pm

CDA - TBD by site rep

CMA - TBD by site rep
CVHS - 4/25 @ 2:15 pm
DM - 4/23 @ 2:15 pm
DO - 4/23 @ 3:00 pm, Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83360674026>
ECE - 4/25 @ 4:00 pm, Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81624434661>
JK - TBD by site rep
LF - 5/7 @ 1:45 pm
LP - 5/8 @ 3:00 pm
MA - TBD by site rep
MV - 4/23 @ 3:00 pm
OA - 4/23 @ 3:00 pm
PP - 5/9 @ 3:00 pm
PV - 4/25 @ 3:00 pm
SM - 4/30 @ 3:00 pm
SV - 5/2 @ 3:00 pm
TC - 4/25 @ 8:15 am
VDS - 4/30 @ 3:00 pm
VV - 4/24 @ 3:00 pm
WS - 5/9 @ 7:30 am
WSHS - 5/1 @ 2:40 pm (beginning at CVTA time)

Community School Visit

This past Thursday I had the pleasure of visiting Anaheim Union High School District as part of a CVUSD team exploring best practices for developing and implementing Community Schools. We spent the day touring a high school campus and speaking with district and site administrators, teachers, staff, students, and parents to understand how they developed their program with input from all community stakeholders. At Gilbert High School, the continuation school, vital services such as a food bank and a day care center for teen mothers were provided on campus. I was impressed by how students were empowered to actively advocate for ongoing positive changes in their schools and their community. I look forward to having conversations with the CVUSD community and stakeholders as we move forward with our own Community School endeavors.

RIF Update

The RIF Hearing was held last week. We are still waiting for the Administrative Law Judge's decision and will share that as soon as we can.

CVTA Member Spotlight [\(Nominate someone here\)](#)

This week there was no one submitted for our Member Spotlight. Please nominate a member that you feel should be recognized.

Wishing you all a great week with your students!

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Important Dates

- **April 23rd:** CVTA Virtual Office Half Hour 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm
- **April 25th:** CVUSD School Board Mtg. 5:30 pm @ DO ([Live Stream Link here](#)). ([Submit public comments here](#))
- **April 30th:** Eboard Mtg. 4:30 pm via Zoom
- **May 7th:** National Day of the Teacher
- **May 8th:** California Day of the Teacher
- **May 14th:** CVTA Rep Council Meeting and dinner, 4:30 pm, location TBD
- **May 16th:** CVUSD School Board Mtg.

Addressing Special Education Challenges Spring Webinar Series

CTA members continue to face challenges as they related to workload and district support when delivering Special Education services and supporting the needs of students with IEPs. CTA has programs and resources to help local associations get the help that they need in order to better support students, educators, and their communities.

All sessions are 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

JAN 22,
2024

NAVIGATING SPECIAL EDUCATION AS A GENERAL EDUCATION TEACHER

Past and present teacher education programs provide deficits in learning about how to navigate Special Education. In this training, we will discuss Individual Education Plan (IEP) meetings, responsibilities, and legal obligations to provide individualized instruction to students and to participate in the IEP process. We will also briefly discuss instructional strategies, approaches, and how to understand accommodations and modifications.

FEB 12,
2024

IEP RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

This training is for all school staff. We will review IEP meeting and attendance expectations, school personnel and parent training, miscellaneous IEP and Special Ed "must knows" and we will also review compliance complaint procedures.

FEB 26,
2024

ORGANIZING AROUND SPECIAL EDUCATION ISSUES

This workshop is designed for association leaders who are dealing with Special Education issues in their districts. Participants will learn strategies to build effective advocacy campaigns to support the learning conditions of students and the working conditions of teachers. We will use a social justice lens to examine how to build this work from the ground up.

APR 22,
2024

REMOVING THE BARRIERS TO LEARNING THROUGH UNIVERSAL DESIGN FOR LEARNING (UDL)

How do you currently remove learning barriers for students in your classroom? UDL is an evidence-based framework that can empower educators to remove barriers for students in your classroom, in order to create more access to the curriculum and content. Learn about how to implement evidence-based strategies and supports into your daily routines and classroom curriculum.



Information, resources, and programs listed are available at: www.cta.org/special-education-resources

TO REGISTER GO TO:



5:30 pm @ DO ([Live Stream Link here](#)).

([Submit public comments here](#))

- **May 21st:** CVTA Virtual Office Half Hour 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm
- **June 11th:** Last day of school
- **June 13th:** CVUSD School Board Mtg. 5:30 pm @ DO ([Live Stream Link here](#)). ([Submit public comments here](#))
- **June 27th:** CVUSD School Board Mtg. 5:30 pm @ DO ([Live Stream Link here](#)). ([Submit public comments here](#))
- **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 ([Live Stream Link here](#)). ([Submit public comments here](#))
- **August 20th:** First Teacher Workday
- **August 22nd:** CVUSD School Board Mtg. 5:30 pm @ DO ([Live Stream Link here](#)). ([Submit public comments here](#))



Carissa Carrera
CVTA President

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

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