

December 8, 2025



Coachella Valley Teachers Association

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Good morning!

As a reminder, we do not receive our December paycheck in the actual month of December. You should be paid within the first few days of January, so remember to be prepared and adjust any automatic bill payments you may have.

I continue to be out on FMLA leave but remain available to respond to texts, calls, and emails. You can also reach out to the other CVTA Board Members, if needed.

Ed Services Update re: Loss of Digital Resources

We met with Ed Services recently to discuss the disappearance of several digital resources, such as Wonders, tutor.com, and more. What it comes down to, ultimately, is money. If the usage is low, they are not renewing the licenses. Your principals were provided with all of the details for this and should have shared them with staff.

CVTA Bargaining Team Update

Our bargaining team, chaired by Ashley Sincosky, will meet with the district for the second time on Monday, December 15, 2025. To show solidarity and support for our team, please wear a CVTA shirt on that Monday. The team will send out an update that evening regarding how negotiations went, so please keep an eye out for that message.

Retirement

If you are thinking about retiring in the next few years, consider signing up for one of the local CalSTRS sessions listed on the flyer below. Those are group sessions and are not intended for those of you wanting to retire this year. For a personalized appointment, you can call the same number listed on the flyer, and options will be provided for the various meeting types.

Grievances

If you need to file a grievance, [begin here by completing the form](#) so our Grievance Chair, Ethan Lubin, can guide you. You can also reach him at grievancescvta@gmail.com.

Have a great week!

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Seasonal Group Sessions Palm Desert CTA

75084 Gerald Ford Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92211

Explore your CalSTRS benefits and services with the help of a CalSTRS benefits specialist in a group setting with fellow educators.

CalSTRS and Your Retirement
(Estimates provided)
Wednesday, November 12, 2025
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Registration opens: October 1, 2025

CalSTRS and Your Retirement
(Estimates provided)
Wednesday, January 14, 2026
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Registration opens: December 3, 2025

CalSTRS and Your Retirement
(Estimates provided)
Wednesday, March 11, 2026
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Registration opens: January 28, 2026

CalSTRS and Your Retirement
(Estimates provided)
Wednesday, May 13, 2026
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Registration opens: April 1, 2026

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800-228-5453, option 3

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Important Dates

- December 9th: Rep Council Meeting
- December 11th: CVUSD Board Meeting and Organizational Meeting (5:30 @ D.O.)
- December 15th: Bargaining...Remember to support your team!
- December 16th: CVTA Virtual Office Hours (4:30-5:00 pm)
- December 18th: E-board Mtg. (4:30 pm via Zoom)
- December 22nd - January 2: Winter Break!
- January 5th: Return from Winter Break
- January 15th: Bargaining...Remember to support your team!



Carissa Carrera
CVTA President

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

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