



December 1, 2025

**Coachella Valley Teachers
Association**

**California Teachers
Association**

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Good morning!

Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed a restful and relaxing Thanksgiving break with family and friends. It's hard to believe we have only three weeks left until our winter holiday break!

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.

Elementary School Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences are this week for our elementary teachers and families. This is a great time to connect with families and share student progress as we head into our second trimester of the year.

As a gentle reminder, conference dates and times are contractual and are listed below:

- Wednesday, December 3, 2025; 2:20 PM – 6:45 PM
- Thursday, December 4, 2025; 1:20 PM – 4:00 PM

CVTA Bargaining Team Update

Our bargaining team, chaired by Ashley Sincosky, will meet with the district for the first time on Friday, December 5, 2025, following several district-initiated cancellations. To show solidarity and support for our team, please wear a CVTA shirt on Friday. The team will send out an update on Friday 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!

Visit Our Website



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

INTERACT with fellow educators in a small to large group setting	LEARN more about your benefits and prepare for your	REGISTER 800-228-5453, option 3
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Important Dates

- December 3rd and 4th: Elementary Conferences
- December 5th: Bargaining...Remember to support your team!
- 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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