



October 20, 2025

Coachella Valley Teachers Association

California Teachers Association

National Education Association



YES ON 50

VOTE YES ON PROP. 50!

Our union is YES on 50 to defend democracy, and to ensure funding for public education and essential services for our communities.

We deserve elected leaders who will represent us, not give more tax breaks to billionaires.



TAKE ACTION!

Vote YES on Prop. 50 on or before
November 4, 2025

Learn more at cta.org/prop50

Join our email list!

Join our texting list!

Good morning! I attended CTA's State Council this past weekend as a newly elected rep for CVTA, along with our other rep, Monica Martinez (MA). It was awesome to once again witness the powerful work being done by this policy making body! Look for the report we will share with site reps at their next meeting.

Notes from Admin Classroom Visits

We know that admin have been directed to visit several classrooms every day and that they are to look for certain things when they visit. We have two concerns: the tone of the notes being left as "feedback" and the disruptions during instruction. If you would like to share anything with us related to these two concerns, please reply to this email and do so. Jeff Kruger and I have a meeting with HR and Ed Services later this week and will share these concerns.

School Board Meeting

There is a School Board meeting this week on Thursday, October 23rd. Please plan to attend in person with us if you are able. The link to watch the meeting online is below in the Important Dates. **Something you may want to know about public comments submitted online** - it has been brought to our attention that if a comment is submitted regarding a "problem" that should be dealt with by a district department or person, the comment is given to that department to address and the comment is never read aloud or shared with the school board trustees. **If you want to ensure the board hears your comment, you should provide it in person at the meeting.**

Trunk or Treat - Volunteer Opportunities!

CVTA is participating in the district's Trunk or Treat event on October 29th. We are looking for volunteers to help set up (decorate the cars), pass out candy (in shifts), and/or help with clean-up. We also need candy donations. Please see the flyer below for more information!

Where to File Compliance Issues with the CDE (repeated)

Here are the various complaint procedures available with the CDE:

- [Special Education Complaint Process](#) (to report any compliance concerns related to special education)
- [Appeals for Uniform Complaints](#) (to appeal a decision from the district regarding a filed complaint, or to inquire about the district not following the appropriate process, like not abiding by the 60 day timeline for investigations of complaints to be completed)

Are You Interested In Improving Your Participation at School Board Meetings?

See the flyer below to register for **Monitors and Observers Training**. This is the second in a great series from the Public School Defenders Hub! It is so important to know what school boards should be doing and how to hold them accountable if they aren't following the rules, and the more people who learn this, the stronger we become!

Retirement

If you are thinking about retiring in the next few years, consider signing up for one of the local CalSTRS sessions list 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!



COME JOIN CVTA FOR



TRUNK or treat

OCTOBER 29

Help us spread Halloween cheer with our students, families, and community at the CVUSD Trunk or Treat



Looking for Volunteers To:

Donate Candy - Please take candy to your reps no later than October 24

Decorate/Clean Up 4:30 - 5:30PM & 7:00- 7:30PM

Pass out candy 5:30-7:00PM

Scan the QR Code
or

[Click Here](#) to sign up!

Questions:

e-mail **Organizing Committee Chair**
Rachel Kuiland

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Public School Board Volunteer MONITORS & OBSERVERS TRAINING



FREE INTERACTIVE, EDUCATION ATTORNEY-AUTHORED TRAINING

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:

- Key state Education Code requirements of school boards to ensure accurate, inclusive education for all students
- How you can help reduce the proliferation of detrimental extremist local actions
- How to prepare to actively engage at school board meetings
- "Brown Act" governance laws with which local boards must adhere
- How to escalate complaint filings about non-compliance



**Thursday
Nov. 20, 2025**

**6:30-8:30pm
In-Person or ZOOM**

Anaheim CA in-person venue
(or) virtual Zoom

Register Online:
bit.ly/NovHubTraining



Training Schedule

- 6:00pm Check-in
- 6:30pm CA Education Code
- 7:15pm Questions & Answers
- BREAK —
- 7:30pm Brown Act Overview
- 8:15pm Questions & Answers
Recap & Closing

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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

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

- October 14th: CVTA Virtual Office Hours, 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- October 15th: Deadline for face-to-face meetings regarding evaluations
- October 20th: ~~Bargaining...Remember to support your team!~~ **Cancelled by the district**
- October 22nd: CVTA Eboard meeting on Zoom, 4:30 p.m.
- October 23rd: CVUSD School Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. [Zoom Link](#)
- October 24th: ~~Bargaining...Remember to support your team!~~ **Cancelled by the district**
- November 17th: Bargaining...Remember to support your team!
- December 5th: Bargaining...Remember to support your team!
- December 15th: Bargaining...Remember to support your team!
- 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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