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on Bargaining Days!**

Good morning! We hope you had a relaxing Thanksgiving Break. We are thankful for each of you and we appreciate your dedication to your students! Please continue to contact either [President Carissa Carrera](#) or [Vice-President Jeff Kruger](#) as needed (Do not use district email for union business, please). Your president is still under a directive to stay off all district properties, so if you need representation in person, contact Jeff.

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Last week the district held a Special Board Meeting According to previous information shared by Dr. Esparza, this meeting was one of two special meetings she planned for the purpose of working with the board to cut \$44 million from the budget. As you may have heard, they reported that no action was taken during the closed session, and adjourned the meeting. Therefore, we have no information about the potential cuts, and CVTA has been excluded from any conversations or meetings to discuss potential cuts.

Typically CVTA is brought into these discussions to share ideas, concerns, and to have input into the process. That is not the case with Dr. Esparza in charge. **Another Special Board Meeting has been scheduled for this week on Wednesday, December 4th, at 5:30 pm.** If you would like to make public comments regarding the potential cuts, please plan to arrive by 5:15 pm in order to have time to complete the paperwork. You [can watch the meeting online](#) if you are unable to attend in person.

Dr. Esparza has stated several times that the cuts will be made away from the classrooms, seemingly as if she is doing a great service to the students. Let's not forget that last year she chose to make the cuts directly to the classrooms, resulting in the most combo classes we've ever had and classrooms so full there isn't room for mainstreaming. That certainly is not best for students. Don't be fooled when she makes it sound as if they are protecting students from future cuts...they literally cannot cut in the classrooms anymore!

School Board Election Update

It has been determined that the Imperial County voters (2,400 of them) will get their opportunity to vote for CVUSD School Board Members in a **March 4, 2025 Special Election**. As we shared previously, this allows the candidates in the three contested positions to remain in place for longer than their constituents originally elected them. We know that this will make Jesus Gonzalez particularly happy because he gets to stay on the board to vote for cuts. As you know, Joey Acuña lost his campaign for Assembly and will remain on the board for the remainder of his term (two more years). He is reportedly very unhappy and is ignoring certain people at board meetings, so getting to vote for cuts will likely please him as well.

CVUSD voters in Riverside County will continue to have their votes suppressed due to actions taken by this current board. The cuts needing to be made should be voted upon by a board including all newly elected trustees, but that will not happen. One of our endorsed candidates, Thomas Torte, will be seated at the December board meeting since he ran unopposed. Unfortunately the rest of the board remains the same and will be the ones responsible for approving all cuts made.

CVTA Shirts

Most shirts have been picked up or delivered at this point. There are some shirts still needing to be delivered this week. You can pay one of three ways: Venmo (@cvtaaccounts), cash, or [with a credit card](#) on our website (includes a credit card fee).

Workplace Violence Prevention Plan (WVPP)

Read about the WVPP requirements [here](#). You can file complaints with OSHA at (909)383-4321. [Important safety numbers and documents can be found here](#).)

Have a great week!

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Important Dates

- **December 3rd:CVTA Eboard Meeting** 4:30 pm via Zoom (Rescheduled November Meeting)
- **December 4th: CVUSD Special Board Meeting, 5:30 pm, [Zoom Link](#)**
- **December 9th: Rep Council Meeting**, 4:30 pm, most likely via Zoom
- **December 10th-11th: Elementary Conferences**
- **December 13th: CVUSD School Board Meeting, 5:30 pm, [Zoom Link](#)**
- **December 17th: Virtual Office Hours** 4:30 pm (link to be added later)
- **December 19th: CVTA Eboard Meeting** 4:30 pm via Zoom
- **December 20th: Last Day of School before Winter Break** (you may leave 15 minutes after the students leave)
- **January 6th: Return from Winter Break**



Carissa Carrera
CVTA President

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

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