Greetings!

Good morning! I hope you had a great weekend and are looking forward to an excellent week with our students!

If you haven't yet completed the paperwork to request accommodations, you can still do so. There really is no deadline to complete this process, although you would want it done prior to moving into a hybrid model. Contact HR if you have questions.

Do you still need to make an appointment to get the COVID vaccine? Here is a link to a resource to help you find available appointments. VAXIE is a group of volunteers working to help people make their vaccination appointments, and we appreciate them reaching out to us to spread the word.

We've been told that the District will not be making any RIFs this year. While we are somewhat overstaffed due to declining enrollment, they hope to cover that through attrition (normal retirees and resignations). This is good news!

State Testing Concerns
While the Federal Government has stated that testing must go on as usual, our California leaders have not yet made such a declaration. Here is a petition you can sign if you’d like to see testing waived again this year: https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/we-must-pursue-a-waiver-for-state-testing-in-2021-for-our-students

Please also take a look at the CTA website for more information related to testing and your rights related to testing, https://www.cta.org/our-advocacy/testing-that-works-for-our-students

Specifically, I believe one of the PD presenters last week stated that you do not have the right to inform parents that they may opt their children out of state testing. That is incorrect! You absolutely have that right. Take a look here.

CVTA Office Hours
We have office hours this week, from 4:30-5:30 pm. Drop in anytime during that hour if you have questions!

Time: Mar 3, 2021 04:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88469797131

Meeting ID: 884 6979 7131

Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kx6OWWe75

Upcoming CTA Conferences
Right now, CTA conferences are virtual, free to members, and they will even pay for your university credit if you need units! Don't miss out on this opportunity! Here is what's coming up:

CTA Good Teaching Conference - Middle and High School Version March 11-14
Hybrid Prep Site Visits
I continue to make site visits to see the classroom and school site set ups for teaching in person. The number one concern we have is that all safety guidelines will be followed in the Hybrid Model, so I will be looking specifically for what the School Board has been told is happening at sites in preparation. This includes the plexiglass barriers, the air filtration, the distance between students as well as students from teacher, sanitizing stations, one way path markings, etc. Each week I will give an update about what I’ve seen. We do recognize that it is nearly impossible to be fully set up not knowing yet which teachers will remain in Distance Learning and which will return to in-person instruction, so we are looking for sample classrooms planned at various grade levels.

- OA - Everything is planned out in theory, but is not complete yet, such as walkway markings, breakfast seating, and signage.
- WS - Everything here is also planned out in theory, but not completed yet. For example, they need more signage, to set up the breakfast area, and mark the restrooms, but there is a plan in place for all of it. A couple of classrooms with too many teacher personal items, making it very crowded for the student seating.
- PP - Everything is planned out in theory, just a couple if student seating issues to fix, and then some time to set up.
- WSHS - Really only walkway signage and student seating was done here. Still a lot to work on.
- SV - Well planned out, but a couple issues with student seating and the location of the isolation room.
- This week visiting: DM. Still need to schedule (or reschedule) AE, ECE, and VV.

Reporting COVID Illnesses or seeking COVID Information
If you need information about what leaves are available or to report a positive COVID case, please use the HRleaves@cvusd.us email.

You are doing a great job educating our students during this pandemic! Thank you for working as hard as you are.
Carissa Carrera  
CVTA President  
"You can't do it unless you organize."

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