

February 18, 2026



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Good morning!

We have virtual office hours today from 4:30-5:00 PM. Join us if there is anything you'd like to discuss! <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81132213407>

At last week's school board meeting, the board selected [Option 2](#) for the stabilization plan but removed lifeguards and dual language altogether. The plan for dual language, at this time, seems to be to increase enrollment through better recruitment processes. They also increased the cut to the Latino Commission contract for a total cut of \$2.3 million in services.

Certificated layoffs will likely still occur due to decreasing enrollment and resulting overstaffing. HR is currently working through the numbers and will notify us as soon as they know specific details. Layoffs due to overstaffing can often be avoided through attrition, which is when retirements and/or resignations cancel out the number of layoffs needed. **If you know for certain that you are retiring or resigning at the end of this school year, notifying the district ASAP will help our least senior members.**

Have you seen the videos created by VP Jeff Kruger and Elementary Member-at-Large Rachel Kuiland? A fun and quick way to learn about what's in your Collective Bargaining Agreement, these videos can be found on CVTA's TikTok and Instagram accounts. [Here is an example of one video about personal necessity days.](#) Let us know if you have any topics you would like covered!

Upcoming Bargaining Site Visits

The CVTA Eboard and Bargaining Team will begin visiting sites to share information with CVTA members. Please attend the meeting to hear what we have to share! We do not expect the meeting to last longer than 10 minutes.

2/18/26 Wednesday (after meetings end)

- 3:50 PM - Oasis Elementary
- 3:50 PM - North Shore Elementary
- 3:50 PM - Las Palmitas Elementary

2/19/26 Thursday

- 7:30 AM - Cesar Chavez Elementary
- 1:30 PM - La Familia Continuation School
- 3:20 PM - Valley View Elementary

2/20/26 Friday

- 7:30 AM - Peter Pendleton Elementary

2/23/26 Monday

- 3:20 PM - Mecca Elementary
- 3:30 PM - Preschool and Headstart Teachers (via Zoom)

2/24/26 Tuesday

- 7:30 AM - John Kelley Elementary
- 3:20 PM - Saul Martinez Elementary
- 3:30 PM - District Office and Adult Ed (via Zoom)

2/25/26 Wednesday

- 2:15 PM - West Shores Middle and High School
- 3:20 PM - Sea View Elementary

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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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

Important Dates

- February 18th: CVTA Virtual Office Hours, 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. via Zoom
- February 24th: CVTA Eboard Meeting, 4:30 p.m. via Zoom



Carissa Carrera
CVTA President

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

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