Greetings!
Good morning. It was a beautiful weekend...hope you were able to relax!

We start back to bargaining this week. Please wear a CVTA shirt on Wednesday to show your support for the team.

There is a board meeting on Thursday. The meetings are held both in-person and online. You may want to log on and hear what's being discussed, as there is typically a lot of useful information shared. The link is down below in the calendar.

I've been told that all the internet issues have been corrected. If you are still having connectivity issues, please let your admin know so they can convey that to the District.

We have about 100 members who still have not ordered their t-shirts. Here is the link if you have not submitted your order yet. Please do not resubmit just because you haven't received your shirt...only submit if you haven't previously done so. Everyone who has requested a shirt through 10/10/21 will receive it this week. Update your information and order your shirt here.

CVTA New Mailing Address
CVTA has a new mailing address: PO Box 39, Coachella, CA 92236. This will be our permanent mailing address. However, our physical address will be changing as of November 1st. We are not renewing the lease at our current location, and we haven't yet found a new location. As soon as we have a new physical location, we will share that with you. Please use the new mailing address from now on for any correspondence.

COVID Related Accommodations
With the expiration of Supplemental Paid Sick Leave at the end of September, the following leaves will need to be utilized:

- **Cal OSHA emergency temporary standards exclusion pay** requires employers to continue to provide full pay, benefits, and other employment rights (including job status) for employees who are excluded from the worksite due to a positive COVID-19 test or COVID-19 exposure and who are otherwise available and able to work. Exclusion pay is currently set to expire January 13, 2022, unless extended. Click here for more information from the California Department of Industrial Relations.

- **Workers’ Compensation Presumption (SB 1159)** provides that all California employees who work outside their home at the direction of their employer between July 6, 2020 and January 1, 2023 and who test positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of working at their jobsite are presumed to have contracted any COVID-19-related illness at work for purposes of awarding workers’ compensation benefits. Click here for more information from the California Department of Industrial Relations.

You can read more information here on CTA’s WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT LEAVES & REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC document.

The Standard Open Enrollment - We met our goal!
What this means is that if you have preexisting conditions (pregnancy included), you can get disability insurance without a medical exam. Don't wait...this offer won't come around again for another two years. Sign up by October 15th!

CVTA and CTA have made it possible for you to apply for CTA-endorsed Disability and Life Insurance with Standard Insurance Company (The Standard). Learn more at standard.com/cta/coachella.
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, as well as the appropriate form in School Stream.
As always, thank you for everything you do for the students of CVUSD! Have a great week.

Important Dates

- October 13th - Bargaining - Please wear your CVTA shirts!
- October 13th - CVTA Rep Council Meeting 4:30 pm
- October 14th - CVUSD School Board Meeting, 5:30 pm (Live Stream Link here)
- October 15th - Deadline for Evaluation Meetings
- October 19th - CVTA Office Hours 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
- October 26th - Middle School Conferences 4:30-6:30 pm
- October 27th - CVTA Eboard Meeting 4:30 pm
- October 28th - High School Conferences 4:30-6:30 pm
- October 28th - Deadline for meeting with Probationary 1 teachers
- October 28th - CVUSD School Board Meeting, 5:30 pm (Live Stream Link here)
- October 29th - Bargaining - Please wear your CVTA shirts! (if you plan to wear a costume this day, wear your CVTA shirt on 10/28 instead)
- October 29th - Minimum Day at Secondary level

Carissa Carrera
CVTA President
"An injury to one is an injury to all."

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