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Dear Carissa,

Good morning. No rain this week, unfortunately, but hopefully you enjoyed the weather on Friday and Saturday. It was certainly needed!

Here are a few important items to share this week:

- **The Standard Disability Insurance:** Please see the flyer below for important plan updates.
- **CTA Virtual Membership Cards:** All CTA Members received an email on Friday 9/9/22 from CTA Membership. Please search your email for "Download your NEW CTA Digital Membership Card" if you missed it. If you can't find it, it's possible CTA does not have your correct email address (I can fix that if you let me know).
- **Retirement Progress Report:** It's time to log onto www.mycalSTRS.com to check your 2022 Retirement Progress Report. If you aren't already doing this once per year, you should. This report lets you know how much service credit your school district reported for the previous year, how much you have put toward your retirement, and some options for retiring at certain ages (55 and 60, or 62). It is your responsibility to report any mistakes in service credit. Set up your account now and use this site regularly!

CVTA Member Spotlight: [You may nominate someone here.](#)

This week we are proud to recognize **Shelly Mittrick, educator at Bobby Duke Middle School!**

Shelly was nominated by her colleague, Kristie Saucedo, and here is what Kristie had to share with us:

Shelly has done an amazing job opening up our wellness center. She has already offered after school tutoring, clubs in the morning but most importantly she is focusing on improving student tardies. Her hard work and commitment to our students is so greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to Shelly Mittrick for being this week's CVTA member in the spotlight!

CVTA Site Representation

We still need reps at the following sites. Please contact me if you are interested!

- BD: one rep Oriana Ruggiero. **one vacancy**
- CDA: one rep Jeff Kruger, **one vacancy**
- DO: **one vacancy**
- TC: one rep Michael Seeder. **one vacancy**
- VV: one rep Carlos Villa, **one vacancy**

Coaches Corner TK12support@cvusd.us

Tech Tip: Classroom management made easy...Support your class activities, stimulate engagement and help your students get to work by using the intuitive tools of [Classscreen](#).

Our TK12 Instructional Coaches will have open office hours this week to help with anything from the [Coaches Corner Menu](#) or other needs.

Pop on into our Zoom:

Monday at 1:30 to 4:30 or Thursday at 7:30 to 10:30

<https://cvusd-us.zoom.us/j/81603174702?pwd=WHJOVWVsYmRjSsnl2YmFBMnE0M212QT09>

Reporting COVID Illnesses or seeking COVID Information

Please continue to report any positive tests to contact_tracing@cvusd.us. If you need information about which leaves are available, please use the HRleaves@cvusd.us email.

Have a great week!



The Standard is proud to be the only CTA-endorsed provider of Disability and Life insurance and to continuously work with CTA on enhancing benefits for CTA members.

CTA-endorsed Disability Insurance Enhancements – Effective 9/1/2022

NEW Summer Benefit¹

- A new benefit for members covered by the CTA-endorsed Voluntary Disability insurance plan who become or continue to be Disabled between June 1 and July 31 of any calendar year for Disabilities occurring on or after 9/1/2022
- \$500 per week (up to a maximum of \$4,500 per year for up to two benefit years)
- Paid in addition to any Disability benefits the member is eligible for

Disability Benefit Increase

- Increasing from up to 75% of regular daily contract salary to up to 80% of regular daily contract salary (following fully paid sick leave and Substitute Differential periods)
- For Disabilities occurring on or after 9/1/2022

Cancer Benefit Increase

- Cancer Benefit is increasing to up to \$400 per month for eligible members on an approved disability claim due to cancer (up to a maximum of \$2,400)
- For Disabilities occurring on or after 9/1/2022

CTA-endorsed Life Insurance Enhancements – Effective 7/1/2022

Guarantee Issue Amount Increases For Special Enrollment Opportunities

- Newly Hired Members – up to \$400,000 of Life insurance
- Family Status Change – up to \$400,000 of Life insurance
- Chapter Campaigns – minimum offer of up to \$200,000 of Life insurance

¹ Summer Benefit is offered by CTA to eligible members who meet the Definition of Disability with a Disability date on or after 9/1/2022 who meet additional specific criteria. Summer Benefit is only payable during the calendar months of June and July, for up to two Benefit Years for each instance of qualifying Disability. Summer Benefit is not provided under the Voluntary Disability insurance policy. CTA provides this benefit at no extra cost, and The Standard acts only as the claims administrator of this benefit.

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Important Dates

- **September 1-30** - Catastrophic Bank Open Enrollment
- **September 17th** - Low Desert Leadership Training and Rep Council Meeting
- **September 20th** - CVTA Virtual Office Hours 4:30-5:30 pm
- **September 22nd** - CVUSD School Board Meeting, 5:30 pm ([Live Stream Link here](#)) ([Submit public comments here](#))
- **September 28th** - CVTA Eboard meeting, 4:30 pm
- **September 30th** - Site Budget notification deadline

Carissa Carrera
CVTA President
"You can't do it unless you organize."

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