

February 1, 2021

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Greetings!

Good morning! I hope you were able to have a nice weekend.

We have CVTA Rep Council next week, so please be sure to reach out to your reps if there are any concerns or questions you'd like them to bring to the meeting on your behalf.

I am beginning to make site visits to see the classroom 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.

- MV - visited on 1/29/21 - saw lower grade, upper grade, and sped classrooms with plexiglass dividers and air purifiers, as well as the cafeteria with seating locations marked. Safety protocol signs were placed around the campus, and markings on the ground to indicate directional movement. A couple things that needed to be addressed were noticed, which admin will take care of.

Last week I attended the Facilities Committee Meeting prior to the School Board Meeting. Topics discussed were: status of the PV school, flood mitigation at MA and SM, demographic studies, Long Range Facilities Master Plan, purchasing using developer fees, and a CMA boulder and plaque.

This committee is chaired by CVUSD School Board Trustee Jesus Gonzalez. It seems that the PV project is over budget by \$17,500,000, and will likely go even more over budget. How this will affect the new school to be built in North shore is unknown, but the committee stated that it will still be built. Interestingly enough, there was much discussion about who is to blame for the overage and it was stated several times that it must be "past employees"...what is concerning to CVTA though is that this committee oversees all facility projects and approved everything that has been done at PV. For some reason none of this information was shared publicly at the School Board meeting later that evening, as the committee chair usually does.

The Facilities committee meetings are public meetings, but the Zoom link and agenda are not provided on the website. Please let the School Board know if you'd like to have access to attend the meetings, as it is within your right to do so.

NEA's LGBTQ+ Caucus

NEA's LGBTQ+ Caucus is hosting another webinar in their Rainbow series: Coming out is a Personal Journey - The Intersection of Being Hispanic, A Rural Educator, and Coming Out.

Be in the KNOW - Register by February 15! [You can register here](#), and the flyer for the event can be found below.

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 all you

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RAINBOW SERIES




**The Intersection of Being Hispanic,
A Rural Educator, and Coming Out**

Join Sophia Rodriguez for a conversation
on how coming out in rural America has
empowered her teaching and students.

Thursday, February 18, 2021
4:30PM(PST) 6:30PM (CST) 7:30PM (EST)

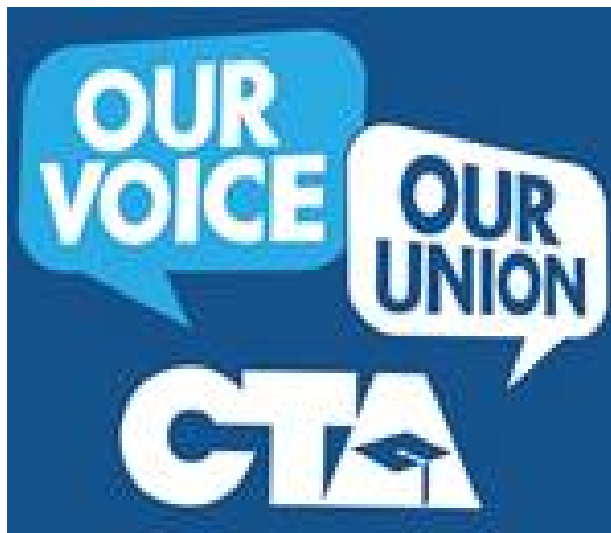
Register At: <https://neaglbtcampus.wufoo.com/forms/rainbow-series-webinar/>

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Important Dates

- **February 10th** - CVTA Rep Council Meeting
4:30 pm
- **February 11th** - CVUSD School Board Meeting
5:30 pm
- **February 12th** - School Holiday - Lincoln's
Birthday
- **February 15th** - School Holiday - Washington's
Birthday
- **February 17th** - CVTA Office Hours 4:30 pm
- **February 24th** - CVTA Executive Board Meeting
4:00 pm
- **February 25th** - CVUSD School Board Meeting
5:30 pm
- **February 26th to 28th** - CTA Equity and
Human Rights Conference

Carissa Carrera
CVTA President

"You can't do it unless you organize."

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