



February 22, 2021

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Greetings!

Good morning! It is hard to believe, but we have been teaching in a Distance Learning model for nearly a year. I was interviewed last week about how things are going in CVUSD and I was able to share a lot of things that have greatly improved since March of 2020. It may seem slow at times, but CVUSD has come a long way since last Spring, partly due to your amazing work.

Last week at a special board meeting, the CVUSD School Board approved Juan Lopez as our interim superintendent. Mr. Lopez has been an interim in our District before, and should be a good fit while they conduct a search for a permanent replacement.

There is a school board meeting this week on Thursday, 2/25/21. Closed session begins at 5:30 pm and open session usually begins around 6:30 pm.

[You can join the meeting here.](#)

[You can submit comments prior to the meeting here.](#)

Here is the signed [MOU for Athletic Competition](#). It has also been placed on the CVTA Website under "Documents", along with the corresponding guidance referenced in the MOU.

CTA Bulletin: News and Resources for California Educators

I am not sure if each of you receive [this periodic bulletin from CTA via personal email, but you should definitely take a look at this recent one](#). These bulletins are full of resources about the work CTA is doing on our behalf, upcoming conferences, awards, and ways you can help support CTA. Make sure that CTA has your correct personal email address so you can receive these in the future.

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.

- MA - Mostly planned out but not completely ready.
- VDS - Mostly planned out, but not much was ready. Some concerns about setting up the student desks.
- LP - Mostly planned and ready. Location of the isolation room was the main issue noted.
- CVHS - CVHS is planned but not finished. They haven't had all supplies delivered, and many classrooms had too much stuff, either district owned furniture or teacher personal items. Some confusion about how to set up student desks.
- BD - Totally planned and mostly ready. Just a couple of things to finish up.
- This week visiting: AE, VV, SV and OA. Still need to schedule (or reschedule) DM, WSHS, PP, ECE, and WS.

***It is important to restate the need for having teachers' personal items and extra furniture moved out of classrooms.** The guidance for in-person teaching states 6 feet apart for students,

but could go as close as 4 feet. Obviously 6 feet provides a safer environment than 4 feet, and if the reason they have to be 4 feet apart instead of 6 feet is because someone hasn't moved their things out, that's not okay. We have an obligation to provide a safe environment for our students just as much as we expect it for ourselves.

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 do.

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Important Dates

- **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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