

April 27, 2020

**Good morning.** Today we finish the last of our virtual site visits. It's been really good seeing everyone who has joined, and hearing what is happening with our students and Distance Learning. There are many challenges, but also many successes!

CTA and CTA's ILC are offering great webinars each week (which are recorded and available later, as well)! Be sure to click the button for CTA PD and Resources.

What final grades will look like has not yet been decided, and it seems as if the District may be reconsidering the decision to have May be completely digital. This entire situation is in no way perfect, and everyone's flexibility and patience is appreciated! Once final decisions are made, Ed Services will let everyone know.

**CVTA Virtual Office Hours (Webex) 4/28/2020 10:00-10:45**

I am going to schedule weekly "Office Hours" so you can log on and ask questions or share concerns with CVTA Executive Board members. You do not need to join from the beginning...pop in whenever you are available and talk to us (please note...any call-in users need to identify themselves in order to participate). Here is the information needed in order to join us this week:

**We have a meeting scheduled Tuesday afternoon with Ed Services and HR to begin discussions regarding handling the checkout process this year.**

As I said last week, we have not yet made any agreements with the District about how to handle this process, so no one should be asking you to complete anything just yet.

**CVUSD Letter of Intent to Return**

These should be emailed to your District email this week. The actual deadline is June 30th for it to be returned to HR. However, turning it in early really helps the District plan for staffing for next year early. If you know for sure you are either returning or leaving, please consider submitting it early.

**Site Rep Elections**

Nominations are open now! Notices were sent out last week to your District emails and posted on our website, but they are linked here as well.

[Site Rep Election Notice](#)

[Site Rep Election Timeline](#)

**CalSTRS**

Although the Riverside Member Service Center is currently closed, CalSTRS is still offering the following services to its members:

- **CalSTRS Individual Telephone Benefits Planning Sessions:** They have many appointments available within their schedule for the month of May. You can schedule a Telephone Session for any of the following reasons:
  - **Retiring this school year**
  - **Retiring in future school years**
  - **Need help with your Service Retirement paperwork**
  - **Disability Retirement**

To schedule a *Telephone Session* please call CalSTRS at **1-800-228-5453** or schedule your Telephone Session by logging into your *myCalSTRS* account using the link below:

<https://my.calstrs.com/MyCalSTRSWebUI/Root/Pages/Login.aspx?AppStatus=Logout>

- **CalSTRS.com**, our website for benefit information, calculators, publications, forms, videos and more.
- **myCalSTRS.com**, our online resource where members can manage their accounts, view their annual *Retirement Progress Report*, complete and submit forms, and update their contact information.

Finally, if you want to record a quick video sending a positive message to our students, send it to Rebecca Kay at [cvtarebecca@gmail.com](mailto:cvtarebecca@gmail.com). We will post it on our Facebook page for the students!

Please reach out if CVTA can help you with anything, and be safe.

Sincerely,

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