

February 11, 2025



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Good morning!

- Many of you have had questions related to **ELPAC testing** and various changes which have been made to the process. I have a meeting this week with Ed Services to discuss these changes in the hopes to gain clarity.
- Last week you received **training regarding immigration law**. It is unlikely that ICE would show up in your classroom, having made it past the front office. If that were to happen, though, you'd need to know how to contact your administrator immediately. Please make sure you have a number to call for this purpose.
- "**Scaring You Away from Technology in 90 Minutes**" PD Opportunity. [Sign up here](#) if you're interested in attending this Zoom PD sponsored by our local associations and CTA. Thursday the 13th at 4:30 pm.
- **The school board approved a [RIF resolution with the updated list](#) last Thursday**. If you receive a RIF Notice, please make sure to notify us so we can include you in the emails with important meeting dates and paperwork deadlines. CTA will provide an Attorney to represent the group at the RIF Hearing. More information will be sent to those receiving notices.
- **Negotiations:** The February 5th meeting was cancelled by mutual agreement. We do not yet have another date scheduled.
- As you know, there is a possible issue with School Board Trustee **Jocelyn Vargas' purchase of a home outside of the CVUSD boundaries**. Her opponent, Adrian Rodriguez, filed a complaint with the District Attorney's office last week. We will wait to see the result of the investigation. Interestingly, though, Vargas stated at the last board meeting that someone followed her "home"...referring to her newly purchased home she claims is not her "home".
- **(Repeat) Supporting Immigrant Educators, Students and Families:** We all have the responsibility to keep students safe in our schools. Resources for doing so can be found [here from CVUSD](#) and [here from CTA](#). CTA's advocacy and resources are very thorough (from educator rights and SEL lessons to legal guidance and family resources), so we suggest that you take time to familiarize yourself with the resources in case you need them for any reason. Additionally, the Parent Centers at our school sites have many of these same resources available and you should have been provided the red cards to distribute to students.

School Board Election - Only 21 days left!

It's not too late to help out! We are seeking volunteers for phone banking and canvassing efforts. These activities are essential for reaching out to our community and ensuring that everyone is informed about the election.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please fill out the Google form <https://forms.gle/EaeX4cVmb1iKLRbV9> or contact Yosmin Nunez at 760-668-5671 or Jacqueline Lopez at 760-989-3899. Thank you for your support!

Have a great week!

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Important Dates

- February 11th: CVTA Rep Council Meeting via Zoom, 4:30 pm
- February 17th: Presidents' Day Holiday
- February 18th: CVTA Virtual Office Hours via Zoom, 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm [Zoom Link](#)
- February 20th: CVUSD School Board Meeting, 5:30 pm, [Zoom Link](#)
- February 25th: CVTA Eboard Meeting via Zoom, 4:30 pm
- March 5th: CVUSD PD Day (non-student day)



Carissa Carrera
CVTA President

"An injury to one is an injury to all."

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