

February 23, 2026



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Good morning!

This week we will continue our Bargaining Site Visits - please check the schedule below for your site. We want to thank those members who have taken the time to attend these meetings, as keeping informed about your union is one of the most important steps to take in keeping us strong and united.

***If you have any work orders that have not been completed AND you have emails regarding the issue(s), please forward the emails to me at cvtaprez@gmail.com.**

We have been told that there will be a special board meeting prior to the next regular one on March 12th. At this time we do not know a specific date. The purpose of this special board meeting will be to approve non re-elects and RIFs for both CVTA and CSEA. We have been provided an updated seniority list and will try to get that posted this week.

Reminder: Certificated layoffs will likely still occur due to decreasing enrollment and resulting overstaffing. HR is currently working through the numbers and will notify us as soon as they know specific details. Layoffs due to overstaffing can often be avoided through attrition, which is when retirements and/or resignations cancel out the number of layoffs needed. **If you know for certain that you are retiring or resigning at the end of this school year, notifying the district ASAP will help our least senior members.**

Upcoming Bargaining Site Visits

The CVTA Eboard and Bargaining Team will begin visiting sites to share information with CVTA members. Please attend the meeting to hear what we have to share! We do not expect the meeting to last longer than 10 minutes.

2/23/26 Monday

- 3:20 PM - Mecca Elementary
- 3:30 PM - Preschool and Headstart Teachers (via Zoom: link will be emailed)

2/24/26 Tuesday

- 7:30 AM - John Kelley Elementary
- 3:20 PM - Saul Martinez Elementary
- 3:30 PM - District Office and Adult Ed (via Zoom: link will be emailed)

2/25/26 Wednesday

- 2:15 PM - West Shores Middle and High School
- 3:20 PM - Sea View Elementary

Retirement

If you are thinking about retiring in the next few years, consider signing up for one of the local CalSTRS sessions listed on the flyer below. Those are group sessions and are not intended for those of you wanting to retire this year. For a personalized appointment, you can call the same number listed on the flyer, and options will be provided for the various meeting types.

Grievances

If you need to file a grievance, [begin here by completing the form](#) so our Grievance Chair, Ethan Lubin, can guide you. You can also reach him at grievancescvta@gmail.com.

Have a great week!

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Seasonal Group Sessions
Palm Desert CTA
75084 Gerald Ford Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92211

Explore your CalSTRS benefits and services with the help of a CalSTRS benefits specialist in a group setting with fellow educators.

CalSTRS and Your Retirement
(Estimates provided)
Wednesday, November 12, 2025
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Registration opens: October 1, 2025

CalSTRS and Your Retirement
(Estimates provided)
Wednesday, January 14, 2026
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Registration opens: December 3, 2025

CalSTRS and Your Retirement
(Estimates provided)
Wednesday, March 11, 2026
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Registration opens: January 28, 2026

CalSTRS and Your Retirement
(Estimates provided)
Wednesday, May 13, 2026
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Registration opens: April 1, 2026

INTERACT with fellow educators in a small to large group setting	LEARN more about your benefits and prepare for your	REGISTER 800-228-5453, option 3
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Important Dates

- February 24th: CVTA Eboard Meeting, 4:30 p.m. via Zoom
- March 9th: Negotiations - Show your support by wearing a CVTA shirt!
- March 10th: CVTA Rep Council Meeting, 4:30 p.m. via Zoom
- March 12th: CVUSD School Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. @ the DO and on [Zoom](#)
- March 17th: CVTA Virtual Office Hours, 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. via Zoom
- March 20th: Negotiations - Show your support by wearing a CVTA shirt!
- March 24th: CVTA Eboard Meeting, 4:30 p.m. via Zoom
- March 25th and 26th: Elementary Parent Conferences (see District Calendar for times)

- March 26th: CVUSD School Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. @ the DO and on [Zoom](#)
- March 28th to April 12th: CVUSD Spring Break
- April 14th: Middle School Conferences (see District Calendar for times)
- April 15th: CVTA Rep Council Meeting, 4:30 p.m. via Zoom
- April 16th: High School Conferences (see District Calendar for times)
- April 16th: CVUSD School Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. @ the DO and on [Zoom](#)
- April 17th: MS and HS Minimum Day
- April 17th: Negotiations - Show your support by wearing a CVTA shirt!
- April 21st: CVTA Virtual Office Hours, 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. via Zoom
- April 24th: Negotiations - Show your support by wearing a CVTA shirt!
- April 28th: CVTA Eboard Meeting, 4:30 p.m. via Zoom
- April 29th: End of Day Deadline for Final Evaluation Conferences
- April 30th: CVUSD School Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. @ the DO and on [Zoom](#)
- May 1st: CVTA Teacher Appreciation Social (TBD)
- May 8th: Negotiations - Show your support by wearing a CVTA shirt!
- May 18th: Negotiations - Show your support by wearing a CVTA shirt!



Carissa Carrera
CVTA President

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

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