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COACHELLA TEACHERS SUPPORT VALERIE GARCIA AND JOEY ACUÑA JR.

Coachella teachers have considered the candidates for School Board and found Valerie Garcia and Joey Acuña Jr. to be the best choices to improve our schools.

VALERIE GARCIA AND JOEY ACUÑA JR. SHARE OUR VALUES AND COMMITMENT TO:

- Promoting strong fundamental skills in reading, math and science
- Expanding access to career and technical education to prepare students for jobs
- Reducing class sizes to allow more individualized instruction and attention
- Increasing pay to attract quality educators and address the teacher shortage



By Mail or by November 8th — Vote for **Valerie Garcia** and **Joey Acuña Jr.** for **Coachella Valley Unified School District Board**

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Dear Carissa,

Good morning! We have a Rep Council meeting this week. If there is anything you'd like your reps to bring to the meeting on your behalf, please make sure to let them know before Wednesday afternoon.

We've completed our site visits regarding the School Board election. Thank you to those who attended, and more so to those who signed up to volunteer! We will be in touch soon.

Here are a few important items to share this week:

- **Insurance Deductions:** We discovered on the September paycheck that the district mistakenly deducted insurance costs from those people who received deductions last year. No one should have any insurance deductions this year. A reimbursement will be provided, and you should receive an email about the amount.
- **Negotiations:** Our first scheduled date is Thursday, October 27th. Salary and Benefits is open every year. This year each party is allowed to open two articles. The district has opened Article 9 Transfers and Assignments and Article 10 Evaluation, while CVTA has opened Article 12 Hours of Employment and Article 17 Class Size. Look for an update to be emailed on the evening of the 27th.

CVTA Member Spotlight: [You may nominate someone here.](#)

This week we are proud to recognize **Caroline Scott** at **Palm View**!

Caroline Scott was nominated by 3 colleagues, Mary Meyer at MV, Maricela Tittnich at SM, and Maribel Carrillo at CMA. Here is what those colleagues had to share with us:

- I would like to nominate Caroline Scott. She is our amazing VAPA leader. She

organizes and facilitates our PLCs in a way that is inspiring, educating, and celebrating the successes of our VAPA team. I am grateful for her leadership and collaborative spirit. Her work with teachers positively impacts students at elementary schools throughout our district.

- Caring and diligent mentor for us VAPA teacher.
- Beginning with the summer of 2019, Caroline has worked tirelessly to ensure that our VAPA program is the best possible program for both students and teachers. She created the vision for our current VAPA units and created some of the units herself. She makes sure that all teachers receive the support needed to implement the units successfully. As our unofficial VAPA Lead Teacher, she plans and organizes our VAPA PLCs to further meet the needs of our students and teachers. She also plans and organizes our VAPA Professional Development. Every summer she (along with a couple of other VAPA teachers) revises or adds to the units. I feel our program has been very successful because of her hard work, dedication, and love for the arts. She loves teaching VAPA and wants this program to continue to be successful and enjoyable for both students and teachers. Caroline is amazing! I'm fortunate to have joined her on this fabulous educational journey!

Congratulations to **Caroline Scott** for being this week's CVTA member in the spotlight!

CVTA Site Representation

We still need reps at the following sites. Please contact me if you are interested!

- BD: one rep Oriana Ruggiero. **one vacancy**
- CDA: one rep Jeff Kruger, **one vacancy**
- DO: **one vacancy**
- TC: one rep Michael Seeger. **one vacancy**
- VV: one rep Carlos Villa, **one vacancy**

Coaches Corner TK12support@cvusd.us

English Learner Tips and Tricks: Create a Safe Learning Environment

Students need to feel safe and secure to express themselves fully. Creating a positive learning environment will allow students to be more willing to try new things and practice their English language skills. When correcting language errors, do so with compassion and try positive reinforcement strategies. Reward good work and effort. Positive reinforcement is a great way to make students feel safe but build a rapport.

Our TK12 Instructional Coaches will have open office hours this week to help with anything from the [Coaches Corner Menu](#) or other needs.

Pop on into our Zoom:

Monday at 1:30 to 4:30 or Thursday at 7:30 to 10:30

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us.zoom.us/j/81603174702pwd=WHJOVWVsYmRjSsnl2YmFBMnE0M212QT09

Meeting ID: 816 0317 4702

Passcode: 667008

Reporting COVID Illnesses or seeking COVID Information

Please continue to report any positive tests to contact_tracing@cvusd.us. If you need information about which leaves are available, please use the HRleaves@cvusd.us email.

Have a great week!

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Important Dates

- **October 12th** - CVTA Rep Council Meeting, Zoom @ 4:30 pm
- **October 13th** - CVUSD School Board Meeting, 5:30 pm ([Live Stream Link here](#))([Submit public comments here](#))
- **October 15th** - Deadline for Face-to-Face meeting regarding evaluations
- **October 18th** - CVTA Virtual Office Hours 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
- **October 25th** - Middle School Conferences



- **October 26th** - CVTA Eboard Meeting @ 4:30 pm
- **October 27th** - CVUSD School Board Meeting, 5:30 pm ([Live Stream Link here](#))([Submit public comments here](#))
- **October 27th** - High School Conferences
- **October 28th** - Minimum Day for High School and Middle School

Carissa Carrera
CVTA President

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

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