



January 25, 2021

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Greetings!

Good morning! Hopefully you and your family are well! Openings for vaccine clinic appointments continue to be released slowly, and the website is supposed to be revised to improve the process. At this time I am not aware of any plan for our district to set up clinics for employees, as you may have heard about in neighboring Districts. As you know, vaccination is optional, and we are continuing to monitor any discussions related to the possibility of making them mandatory.

I received my first vaccine dose last week, and for those of you who haven't gone yet, I wanted to let you know that I was not asked to provide evidence of employment at all. I was only asked to show my Driver's License and the email confirming my appointment. I had last year's badge and my most recent paystub with me in case I needed them, but it was never needed. I believe there were many others also vaccinated last week with that same experience. Please take your most recent paystub (and last year's badge if you have it) just in case they ask for it.

Last week I was able to participate in a Senate Hearing regarding the Governor's Reopening Plan, which is still being negotiated and isn't final. I provided testimony about reopening plans needing to be based on COVID rates and not on financial incentives. It was a very interesting hearing, with testimony from labor organizations, superintendents, school board presidents, and Senate subcommittees. I believe the only testimony in favor of reopening schools sooner than when it is safe to do so came from a few parents present at the hearing. No one else who spoke during the four hour hearing was in favor of opening earlier because of a financial incentive.

There is a CVUSD School Board Meeting this week, on Thursday 1/28/21. Closed Session begins at 5:30 p.m. and Open Session is usually at 6:30 p.m. [You can join the meeting here.](#) [You can submit comments prior to the meeting here.](#)

Confirming Weekly Instructional Minutes

Remember to confirm your weekly instructional minutes in AERIES. Before Winter Break everyone received training about the new process for entering engagement data in AERIES, along with the requirement to confirm the weekly instructional minutes. Many of you were provided extra time by admin to go back and confirm to the beginning of the year, which we all need to do, and then maintain it weekly from there on out.

This is one of the many requirements from the state which allows us to offer a Distance Learning program, and could be used in an audit, so please ask for help at your site if you are unsure of this process.

Reporting COVID Illnesses or seeking COVID Information (a repeat)

HR set up an email specifically for COVID purposes. It is HRleaves@cvusd.us and should be used for inquiries as well as reporting a positive case of COVID-19. You are expected to report to HR if you do test positive, even if you haven't been on site for a while. They are required to track employee cases, but will keep your personal medical information confidential. **It is important to note that the Families First coronavirus Response Act expired on 12/21/2020, and therefore you do not have additional leave available specific to COVID illnesses.** If you need information about what leaves are available, use the HRleaves@cvusd.us email to ask your questions.

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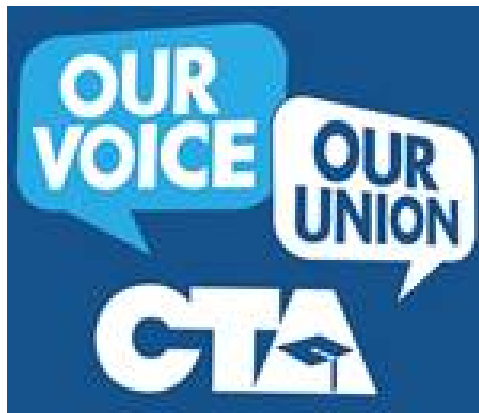
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Empowering our Members

To date CTA members have funded 408 grant projects totaling more than \$4.7 million. All CTA members are eligible to apply for an Educator grant (up to \$5,000) or an Impact grant (up to \$20,000).

Grant Application for 2021-2022 Academic Year
December 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021

Check out the Do's and Don'ts Funding Guidelines [here](#)



Important Dates

- **January 27th** - CVTA Executive Board Meeting 4:00 pm
- **January 28th** - CVUSD School Board Meeting 5:30 pm
- **February 10th** - CVTA Rep Council Meeting 4:30 pm
- **February 11th** - CVUSD School Board Meeting 5:30 pm
- **February 12th** - School Holiday - Lincoln's Birthday
- **February 15th** - School Holiday - Washington's Birthday
- **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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