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Good morning! I hope you had a wonderful and restful Spring Break.

A major update you should know about is that our Superintendent, Dr. Valentino, has retired effective June 30th. This was accepted by the CVUSD School Board at a Special Board Meeting they held over the break. The board did not name an interim at the time of the meeting. CVTA is unsure if Dr. Valentino will continue working until June 30th, or if an interim will be appointed.

What we do know is that our school board once again appears to be unable to retain superintendents longer than 2-3 years at a time. It is concerning to repeatedly have new superintendents, and more concerning is that it seems we have 2 out of 4 cabinet members gone and the other 2 are new. Consistent, quality leadership should be a CVUSD School Board priority. Unfortunately, we will not get that with our current school board, and our students will be the ones who are negatively impacted the most.

CVTA Site Visits - Listening Tour

CVTA Board Members and CTA staff will be visiting sites over a 2-3 week period to hear from our membership (for timeliness, some sites will have meetings run by their site reps instead). A 10-Minute Meeting Agenda will be provided to members prior to the meeting; and we truly are only asking for 10 minutes of your time! Please see the schedule below to plan early for your attendance - your personal input is important to the work of your union moving forward. The three sites with the greatest percentage of attendance (one at each level of elementary, middle school, and high school) will be rewarded! (site reps...this will be discussed at Rep Council this week.)

AE - 4/25 @ 3:15 pm, Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84611092685>

BD - TBD by site rep

CC - 4/25 @ 7:30 am

CDA - TBD by site rep

CMA - TBD by site rep

CVHS - 4/25 @ 2:15 pm

DM - 4/23 @ 2:15 pm

DO - 4/23 @ 3:00 pm, Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83360674026>

ECE - 4/25 @ 4:00 pm, Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81624434661>

JK - TBD by site rep

LF - 5/7 @ 1:45 pm

LP - TBD by site rep

MA - TBD by site rep

MV - 4/23 @ 3:00 pm

OA - 4/23 @ 3:00 pm

PP - 5/9 @ 3:00 pm

PV - 4/25 @ 3:00 pm

SM - 4/30 @ 3:00 pm

SV - 5/2 @ 3:00 pm

TC - 4/25 @ 8:15 am

VDS - 4/30 @ 3:00 pm

VV - 4/24 @ 3:00 pm
WS - TBD by site rep
WSHS - 5/1 @ 2:40 pm (beginning at CVTA time)

RIF Update

The district has rescinded an additional 13 RIFs, making the total rescinded RIFs at 29 (there are 91 teachers who remain on the RIF list). The list of 13 names was shared last week only with the teachers who received RIF notices in order to maintain confidentiality. We hope to share more news like this since we know they over-RIFd and made some mistakes. Additionally, the new coaching positions are being filled, opening positions for those on the RIF list.

The RIF Hearing has been set for April 16th at the CVUSD Board Room. Teachers who had their notices rescinded are no longer expected to attend the hearing and should report to their school site as usual. Teachers who have not had their notice rescinded should plan to attend the hearing as scheduled; the district is required to provide a sub for those teachers to attend. CVTA is asking RIF teachers to arrive no later than 9:00 a.m. in order to prepare with the attorney prior to the hearing.

April 1st Transfer Opportunities

As expected, the email did go out over the break and only included secondary vacancies. Many of these were positions filled after the first student day of the 2023/2024 school year, and therefore must be flown as a vacancy.

Join our Organizing Committee!

The next meeting will be on April 15th from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the Starbucks in Coachella on Cesar Chavez (Harrison). Join us as we work on some long term plans for CVTA. Bring a friend or a community member...hope to see you there! If you have questions, please contact the committee chair, Rachel Kuland, at (714) 215-0143.

CVTA Member Spotlight ([Nominate someone here](#))

There have been no new nominations this week. Please take a moment to recognize an outstanding colleague for next week!

Wishing you all a great week with your students!

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Important Dates

- **April 8th:** Return from Spring Break
- **April 9th:** CVTA Rep Council 4:30 pm at CDA Library
- **April 11th:** CVUSD School Board Mtg. 5:30 pm @ DO ([Live Stream Link here](#)). ([Submit public comments here](#))
- **April 15th:** CVTA Organizing Committee Meeting 4:00 pm @ Cesar Chavez Starbucks
- **April 23rd:** CVTA Virtual Office Half Hour 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm
- **April 25th:** CVUSD School Board Mtg. 5:30 pm @ DO ([Live Stream Link here](#)). ([Submit public comments here](#))
- **April 30th:** Eboard Mtg. 4:30 pm via Zoom
- **May 7th:** National Day of the Teacher
- **May 8th:** California Day of the Teacher
- **May 14th:** CVTA Rep Council Meeting and dinner, 4:30 pm, location TBD

Addressing Special Education Challenges Spring Webinar Series

CTA members continue to face challenges as they related to workload and district support when delivering Special Education services and supporting the needs of students with IEPs. CTA has programs and resources to help local associations get the help that they need in order to better support students, educators, and their communities.

All sessions are 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

JAN 22,
2024

NAVIGATING SPECIAL EDUCATION AS A GENERAL EDUCATION TEACHER

Past and present teacher education programs provide deficits in learning about how to navigate Special Education. In this training, we will discuss Individual Education Plan (IEP) meetings, responsibilities, and legal obligations to provide individualized instruction to students and to participate in the IEP process. We will also briefly discuss instructional strategies, approaches, and how to understand accommodations and modifications.

FEB 12,
2024

IEP RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

This training is for all school staff. We will review IEP meeting and attendance expectations, school personnel and parent training, miscellaneous IEP and Special Ed "must knows" and we will also review compliance complaint procedures.

FEB 26,
2024

ORGANIZING AROUND SPECIAL EDUCATION ISSUES

This workshop is designed for association leaders who are dealing with Special Education issues in their districts. Participants will learn strategies to build effective advocacy campaigns to support the learning conditions of students and the working conditions of teachers. We will use a social justice lens to examine how to build this work from the ground up.

APR 22,
2024

REMOVING THE BARRIERS TO LEARNING THROUGH UNIVERSAL DESIGN FOR LEARNING (UDL)

How do you currently remove learning barriers for students in your classroom? UDL is an evidence-based framework that can empower educators to remove barriers for students in your classroom, in order to create more access to the curriculum and content. Learn about how to implement evidence-based strategies and supports into your daily routines and classroom curriculum.



Information, resources, and programs listed are available at: www.cta.org/special-education-resources

TO REGISTER GO TO:



- **May 16th:** CVUSD School Board Mtg. 5:30 pm @ DO ([Live Stream Link here](#)). ([Submit public comments here](#))
- **May 21st:** CVTA Virtual Office Half Hour 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm
- **June 11th:** Last day of school
- **June 13th:** CVUSD School Board Mtg. 5:30 pm @ DO ([Live Stream Link here](#)). ([Submit public comments here](#))
- **June 27th:** CVUSD School Board Mtg. 5:30 pm @ DO ([Live Stream Link here](#)). ([Submit public comments here](#))
- **July 18th:** CVUSD School Board Mtg. 5:30 pm @ DO ([Live Stream Link here](#)). ([Submit public comments here](#))
- **August 8th:** CVUSD School Board Mtg. 5:30 pm @ DO ([Live Stream Link here](#)). ([Submit public comments here](#))
- **August 20th:** First Teacher Workday
- **August 22nd:** CVUSD School Board Mtg. 5:30 pm @ DO ([Live Stream Link here](#)). ([Submit public comments here](#))



Carissa Carrera
CVTA President

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

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