



September 6, 2022

Join our mailing list!



Dear Carissa,

Good morning. We hope you enjoyed your three-day weekend!

**LaborDay weekend, brought to you by the labor movement!
@WeAreCTA members have been fighting to make a
difference since 1863 and we're proud to continue that
tradition. #WeAreCTA**

Here are a few important items to share this week:

- **Catastrophic Sick Leave Bank:** You may enroll in this bank during the month of September only (with the exception of newly hired employees during the school year). For those already enrolled, they will take one day from each person this year. Complete the enrollment form in School Stream if you would like to join the bank.
- **Class Size Limits:** Please remember that you should never have more than 2 above your class size limit (24 in TK-3rd, 30 in 4th-12th, 20 at LF, 45 in 7th-12th PE). Those two extra, if they will remain in your class permanently, should be agreed upon. At no time should you ever go above the two extra...it is a contractual violation to do so. Please speak to your site reps if you have questions.
- **CTA Membership Cards:** Look for your annual membership card with the October/November Educator magazine. Use the card to access a variety of benefits and programs to enhance your life and career. You can download a digital copy of your card as well. Digital membership cards will be emailed to all members after Labor Day.

CTA University Credit Program: The CTA University Credit Program for members is back and better than ever. Starting September 1st, 2022 through May 9th 2023, CTA members will have the opportunity to earn up to six university units paid for by CTA based on your attendance at an in-person CTA weekend conference and/or by streaming continuing education courses through the CTA Virtual Pass to Online Learning.

Want to move on your district salary scale? The average annual salary increase for CTA members that earned university units through the CTA program and submitted their transcripts to their district is over \$3,000!

Earning units is easy and you will have an opportunity to choose from hundreds of courses or choose from specially curated collections of courses including:

- Courses for New Educators
- Classroom Management & Teaching Strategies
- Special Education
- Personal Development
- Leadership Development
- And many more

Your membership includes up to six university units for the 2022-2023 program. Private institutions charge thousands of dollars for a similar number of units.

Learn more about the CTA University Credit Program and our partnership our accredited provider CSU, Chico at www.CTA.org/Credit.

You can find all the eligible courses at www.CTA.org/VirtualPass.

Check out upcoming in-person conferences at www.CTA.org/Conferences.

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

This week we are proud to recognize **Carina Diaz, teacher at Westside Elementary!**

Carina was nominated by her colleague, Juleeanna Rios, and here is what Juleeanna had to share with us:

Carina is an essential CVTA member and colleague! She is always ready to help and assist others. She assists us in communicating contract items with administration. She has over 15 years of teaching and is always helping new and veteran teachers. Carina is an amazing teacher, staff and friend. It's my pleasure to nominate her as a spotlight member.

Congratulations to Carina Diaz for being our very first 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 Seeder, **one vacancy**
- VV: one rep Carlos Villa, **one vacancy**

Coaches Corner TK12support@cvusd.us

Tip of the Week: Wondering what UDL is? Universal Design for Learning (UDL) is an approach to teaching and learning that gives all students equal opportunity to succeed. The goal of UDL is to use a variety of teaching methods to remove any barriers to learning. It's about building in flexibility that can be adjusted for every person's strengths and needs.

Need a few simple ideas to UDL your lessons? Try these out: posted lesson goals, assignment options, flexible workspaces, regular feedback, and digital/audio texts from [5 examples of Universal Design for Learning in the classroom](#).

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: Tuesday at 1:30 to 4:30

<https://cvusd-us.zoom.us/j/81603174702?pwd=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

- **September 1-30** - Catastrophic Bank Open



- Enrollment
- **September 8th** - Deadline to balance classes
- **September 8th** - CVUSD School Board Meeting, 5:30 pm ([Live Stream Link here](#)) ([Submit public comments here](#))
- **September 17th** - Low Desert Leadership Training and Rep Council Meeting
- **September 20th** - CVTA Virtual Office Hours 4:30-5:30 pm
- **September 22nd** - CVUSD School Board Meeting, 5:30 pm ([Live Stream Link here](#)) ([Submit public comments here](#))
- **September 28th** - CVTA Eboard meeting, 4:30 pm
- **September 30th** - Site Budget notification deadline

Carissa Carrera
 CVTA President
 "You can't do it unless you organize."

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