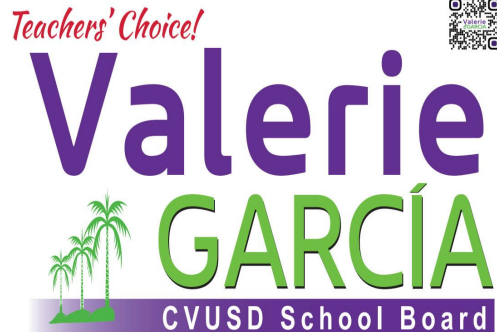


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Dear Carissa,

Good morning! This past weekend I was able to attend CTA's State Council as an alternate for one of our elected representatives. State Council meets 4 times per year as CTA's policy making body, and it was great to see the passion of our fellow members from around the state. There is so much great work going on, and much of it will be shared with your site reps as part of the committee reports they receive monthly.

Our CVTA Bargaining Team will meet with the District for the first time this week on Thursday. It is so important to remember that their success at the table is greatly affected by the support our membership shows for the team. That support can take many forms: wearing your CVTA shirt on bargaining days, sharing your support on social media, attending school board meetings and/or submitting public comments to share your support for our team (there is a board meeting this Thursday night!), reading the bargaining updates sent out each evening on bargaining days, and talking to other members at your site about support for our team. Our union is not just our executive board...it is each of you coming together to support the work of CVTA!

Also this week, I will be attending meetings with PAR Council, Human Resources, Cabinet (the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendents), Climate and Culture Committee, and District Budget Committee, as well as sitting on an interview panel, hosting the CVTA October Executive Board Meeting, and attending the groundbreaking for North Shore Elementary.

Here are a few important items to share this week:

- **November Election:** CTA has a resource for us to use as a guide for voting in the November election. You can also share it with others! I don't need to tell each of you how important it is to vote in support of public education. Find the guide here: <https://www.cta.org/our-advocacy/election-2022/recommendations-2022>
- **Student Loan Forgiveness:** If you have student loan debt and have not already completed this application, do not hesitate. CTA is recommending to do it sooner rather than later. It takes just a few minutes! Apply here: <https://studentaid.gov/debt-relief/application>
- **PBIS/RJ/TLM:** Each school site should have a designated PBIS/RJ/TLM lead. Implementing PBIS, Restorative Justice and Transformational Learning in our classrooms and in our schools is a district mandate, so please reach out to your site

lead if you have any questions or need assistance.

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

This week we are proud to recognize **Stephanie Cardenas** at **Sea View Elementary!**

**Stephanie Cardenas** was nominated by a colleague who wishes to remain anonymous and here is what that colleague had to share with us:

Ms. Cardenas is admirable from start to finish. She began at Sea View as a substitute teacher who would serve as needed. She was capable at many grade levels. We can't get by without our subs. Ms. Cardenas did this work for three years. All that while, she was working on her teaching credentials.

She earned her teaching credentials in a most considerate manner. Rather than taking a salaried position as soon as possible, she continued her education until she had a masters degree and BCLAD certification. With those items achieved, she hit the ground running! She came directly into the dual-language program as our initial bilingual-K teacher. Ms. Cardenas did this in our COVID, online year.

She continued to grow by consulting with colleagues throughout the district who are working in the bilingual program. Ms. Cardenas was able to move up the grade levels as we gradually layer in a dual-language program. Ms. Cardenas is effectively implementing BCLAD instruction while integrating her skills with our school. Ya gotta love a gal who takes advice well and learns from the experience of others.

Ms. Cardenas assists teachers at other grade levels who are working with Newcomers. This is beyond the call of duty. Her youth and community ethics will keep her working as a committed asset to our district for years to come.

Please acknowledge and encourage Stephanie Cardenas.

Congratulations to **Stephanie Cardenas** for being this week's CVTA member in the spotlight!

**Coaches Corner** [TK12support@cvusd.us](mailto:TK12support@cvusd.us)

Help with MasteryConnect -

This week starts the beginning of the Elementary Math Benchmark Window. To help with some troubleshooting we would like to share with you a folder of MasteryConnect videos created on things like scoring, creating trackers, resetting scores and other fun stuff!

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1twdgZnvejCCLUuqhjg20nP1U\\_0XrTbUZ](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1twdgZnvejCCLUuqhjg20nP1U_0XrTbUZ)

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**

<https://cvusd->

[us.zoom.us/j/81603174702pwd=WHJOVWVsYmRjSsnl2YmFBMnE0M212QT09](https://us.zoom.us/j/81603174702pwd=WHJOVWVsYmRjSsnl2YmFBMnE0M212QT09)

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**Reporting COVID Illnesses or seeking COVID Information**

Please continue to report any positive tests to [contact\\_tracing@cvusd.us](mailto:contact_tracing@cvusd.us). If you need information about which leaves are available, please use the [HRleaves@cvusd.us](mailto:HRleaves@cvusd.us) email.

**Have a great week!**

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## Important Dates

- **October 25th** - Middle School Conferences
- **October 26th** - CVTA Eboard Meeting @ 4:30 pm
- **October 27th** - Bargaining Day - Please support your team by wearing a CVTA shirt!



- **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
- **November 2nd** - Bargaining Day - Please support your team by wearing a CVTA shirt!
- **November 4th** - Bargaining Day - Please support your team by wearing a CVTA shirt!
- **November 30th** - Bargaining Day - Please support your team by wearing a CVTA shirt!
- **December 7th** - Bargaining Day - Please support your team by wearing a CVTA shirt!

**Carissa Carrera**  
CVTA President

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

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