Greetings!

Good morning and welcome to the 2022/2023 School Year! I hope each of you found the time to rest, recharge, and enjoy some time with family and friends.

Tomorrow (Tuesday) is the first contractual workday for the majority of our membership (some groups have already returned). You will begin the day at your sites attending a virtual Welcome Back event. The remainder of the day is for an extended site staff meeting. One item your admin should discuss with you is the new requirement for putting paper on classroom walls: 20% coverage allowed if your room has no fire sprinklers, and 50% coverage allowed if you do have the sprinklers in your classroom. This is going to be a significant change, especially for our elementary members.

Wednesday 8/10/22 is a teacher on-site workday, to be used at your discretion for preparation. There should be no meetings scheduled on this day for any Bargaining Unit Members.

This morning the CVTA Eboard has the pleasure of welcoming nearly 40 new members to our District. If you can, seek out these newest members this week to also welcome them and maybe help them with something. Colleagues supporting each other have such an impact on morale at our sites, and I'm sure we all would like for this year to be even a little easier than the last one. (It was great to be back in person, but it was exhausting!)

CVTA Site Representation

Site reps are the liaisons between your site and CVTA leadership and vote on behalf of your site at Rep Council meetings. Please make sure during the first week or so to make contact with your site reps, and if you don't have a rep, help us find one! It takes all of us working together to ensure we have the best working and learning environments possible.

- AE: Diana Alaniz
- BD: one rep Oriana Ruggiero, one vacancy
- CC: Alexis Harding, Elizabeth Chapa
- CDA: one rep Jeff Kruger, one vacancy
- CMA: Michelle Ramos and Chris Duarte
- CVHS: Simon Moore, Maya De Leon, Matt Harding, Kevin Sleeper and Matt Ellis
- DMHS: Richard Ortiz, Jesse Kota, Joyce Mochizuki and Maria Blackmon
- DO: one vacancy
- ECE: Annette Vargas
- JK: Rachel Flores and Alma Gutierrez
- LF: one vacancy
- LP: Shannon Rodriguez and Kelly Reilly
- MA: two vacancies
- MV: Mary Meyer and Blanca Ramirez
- OA: Mark Roybal and Carol White
- PP: Teresa Quintanar
- PV: Mike Abril
- SM: Sarah Reyes and Jamie Kertchersid
- SV: one rep Steven Clifford, one vacancy
- TC: one rep Michael Seeger, one vacancy
- VDS: Stephanie Ortiz and Topher Smith
- VV: one rep Carlos Villa, one vacancy
WS: two vacancies (watch for an election coming soon, however)
WSHS: one rep John Sellers, one vacancy

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.

Wishing you the very best year with the students of CVUSD!

As a member of the Coachella Valley Teachers Association you have Complimentary Life Insurance through your membership.

Please register your Beneficiary today!

Step 1: Visit www.neamb.com/connect
Step 2: Click the BLUE “Register Now” link

Step 3: If you have not registered on the www.neamb.com/connect site, please do so. If you have registered, log-in. Please call the Member Advocacy Center at 800.637.4636 with any issues.

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Important Dates

- **August 8th** - New Teacher Orientation
- **August 9th and 10th** - First two teacher workdays for the 2022/2023 school year
- **August 11th** - First day back for students
- **August 11th** - CVUSD School Board Meeting, 5:30 pm (Live Stream Link here)
- **August 16th** - CVTA Virtual Office Hours 4:30-5:30 pm
- **August 24th** - CVTA Rep Council Meeting, 4:30 pm
- **August 25th** - CVUSD School Board Meeting, 5:30 pm (Live Stream Link here)
- **August 31st** - CVTA Executive Board Meeting
Carissa Carrera  
CVTA President  
"You can't do it unless you organize."

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