



August 15, 2022

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## Greetings!

Good morning! I hope your first couple of days with students were amazing. It was a quiet start for me because there did not seem to be nearly as many issues as this time last year. We are still experiencing a pandemic, but we've been back in person already and there are not nearly as many restrictions. There were a few AC issues, but everything seemed to get handled.

Here are a few important items to share this week:

- If you had any students above your class size limit on the first day (8/11/22), they may only be there for 20 days (without pay) and it must be limited to 2 above the cap. After the 20 days, you may volunteer to keep them for pay or they must be moved out of your class.
- If you receive any students above the cap on any day other than the first day of school, they may only be there for 15 days (without pay) and still must be limited to 2 above the cap. After the 15 days, you may volunteer to keep them for pay or they must be moved out of your class.
- Elementary Master Schedule: I was not aware that Master Scheduling was taking place at the Elementary level until a CVTA member reached out to ask about it. I spoke with Ed Services about this because it seemed flexibility in scheduling was taken from elementary teachers. As it turns out, you still have the flexibility to create your own daily schedule as long as you follow the recommended minutes for each subject and keep the prescribed times in places (such as RSP, intervention, recess, lunch, etc.). The main purpose of the Master Schedule is for office staff to know where a student is at all times if they need to locate him/her, and since in elementary there is one teacher, it won't change anything if you move subjects around.
- Extra Service Hours: It was brought to my attention by the Payroll Department that sometimes people hold on to their extra service hours until the end of the school year because they like to be paid in one lump sum. This is apparently an issue with STRS, as it negatively affects your contributions. Please submit your Extra Services monthly and do not hold on to them. I am going to seek more information about this issue and will share when I have it.

## CVTA August Office Hours

Each month we will hold virtual office hours. Members may attend to ask questions, share concerns, or just listen in to see what is happening at other sites. There is no set agenda, and you may join in at any time during the hour. Hope to see you there!

Topic: CVTA August Office Hours

Time: Aug 16, 2022 04:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83362182627>

Meeting ID: 833 6218 2627

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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](#)
- LF: [one vacancy](#)
- SV: one rep Steven Clifford, [one vacancy](#)
- TC: one rep Michael Seeger, [one vacancy](#)
- VV: one rep Carlos Villa, [one vacancy](#)
- WSHS: one rep John Sellers, [one vacancy](#)

### **CVTA Member Spotlight:**

Watch this space in the future to showcase one CVTA Member who is doing great things in our schools or the community. [You may nominate someone here](#). There are no guidelines...if you think what the member is doing is great, let me know about it! We will select one CVTA Member each week, if possible.

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

Welcome back teachers! We hope you've had a restful summer! We would like to introduce ourselves. Edward Simoneau and Yajaira "Doc" Brown. We are your TK-12 instructional coaches. We can work with you to successfully integrate the use of evidence-based practices and strategies in all content areas, as well as various technologies. Just reach out!!

Our TK12 Instructional Coaches have shared a menu of support for your instructional needs. Click the hyperlink here [Coaches Corner Menu](#) to find those offerings.

### **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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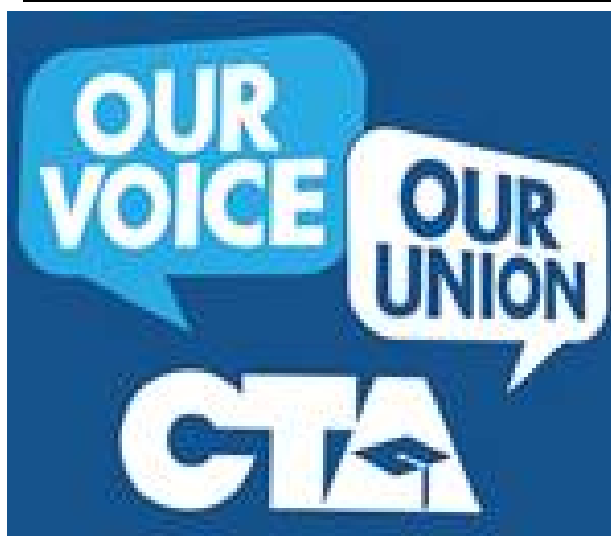
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3 Years	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$50,000	\$150,000
4 Years	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$50,000	\$150,000
5 Years or more	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$50,000	\$150,000



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## Important Dates

- **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](#)) ([Submit public comments here](#))
- **August 31st** - CVTA Executive Board Meeting 4:30 pm
- **September 1-30** - Catastrophic Bank Open Enrollment
- **September 5th** - No school, Labor Day
- **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

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**Carissa Carrera**

CVTA President

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

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