



January 22, 2024

Join our mailing list!

Dear Carissa,

Good morning! Hoping today is great!

CVTA Virtual Office Hours are this week on Tuesday 1/23/24 from 4:30-5:30 pm. Bring your concerns or questions!

Time: Jan 23, 2024 04:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483417964>

Meeting ID: 824 8341 7964

Today I will be out visiting a few sites with our Director of Safety and Security, Gus Paiz. We will specifically be looking at concerns with the red locks brought to our attention by CVTA Site Reps.

New Bargaining Survey: Believe it or not, it's time to begin planning for the next round of bargaining. Our current Collective Bargaining Agreement expires on June 30, 2024. Therefore, the entire contract will be open without limitation to how many articles can be opened. Please take the time to provide suggestions to our bargaining team, whether you want something added, removed, clarified in more detail, or you found a typo. **The survey link will be open from January 22nd through February 4th.** [Find the survey here.](#) (Note: Submissions will only be accepted from CVTA Bargaining Unit Members. All others will be deleted.)

### Important to Know

- CVTA Organizing Meeting: There will be a meeting on February 6th at 4:00 pm, location still to be determined. Please plan to attend and bring someone with you!
- The Tentative Agreement was approved by the CVUSD School Board at last week's board meeting. We are still waiting for details about when to expect the raise and the retro pay on our paychecks.
- Watch for an LCAP meeting to be scheduled at your site in the near future. I cannot express the importance of participating in these meetings. The LCAP is the document that drives which priorities get funded, and unfortunately it's usually only the school board and the district office administrators who provide input. Please make sure the voices of educators are heard!
- The 2024/2025 District Calendar has been approved by the School Board. [View it here.](#)

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

There are no new nominations since last week.

Wishing you all another great week!

# Visit Our Website

## 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](http://www.cta.org/special-education-resources)

**TO REGISTER GO TO:**



## Important Dates

- **January 23rd:** CVTA Virtual Office Hours 4:30-5:30 pm via Zoom
- **January 30th:** CVTA Eboard Meeting 4:30 pm via Zoom
- **February 1st:** CVUSD School Board Mtg. 5:30 pm @ DO ([Live Stream Link here](#)). ([Submit public comments here](#))
- **February 12th:** Lincoln's Birthday Holiday
- **February 13th:** CVTA Rep Council Mtg. 4:30 pm @ CDA Library
- **February 19th:** Presidents' Day Holiday
- **February 20th:** CVTA Virtual Office Hours 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
- **February 22nd:** CVUSD School Board Mtg. 5:30 pm @ DO ([Live Stream Link here](#)). ([Submit public comments here](#))
- **February 27th:** CVTA Eboard Meeting 4:30 pm via Zoom



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

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