June 1, 2020

Good morning. We are down to our last week of the 2019/2020 school year, and my last regular weekly email as well. You have worked hard, and hopefully will get some time to rest and reenergize. This certainly hasn't been an easy school year! Please remember to maintain professionalism on each workday during your work hours, through the end of the workday on June 4th (yes, unfortunately it needed to be said).

Throughout the summer I will not send weekly Monday morning emails, but I will send emails when there is new information to share. Watch your email if you want to stay informed while on summer break, and be safe. Don't forget that your Intent to Return letters are due in HR by June 30th!

District Budget Advisory Committee Meeting
The first budget meeting of the year was held last week. Erik Lee presented a three year projection based on the 10% proposed cuts from the state (which actually works out to about a 7.92% cut after various calculations). Surprisingly, his projections show that CVUSD will not have a deficit in the 2020/2021 school year because of additional funding our District is eligible to receive. The following two school years do have projected deficits, and it was briefly mentioned that there will need to be a plan to make cuts for those two years.

As I get more information I will keep you updated. You can still do your part to help fight these cuts! See how you can help here.

Summer Vacancy Postings
During the summer weeks, HR will post new vacancies each Monday, via District email only. If you are interested in a transfer, please watch your District email for these notices.

COVID-19 Cases in CVUSD
I continue to get updates from HR about sites having to be closed down because of positive cases with someone who has been on the site. Previously I have shared about Mecca, Peter Pendleton, and La Familia. Mecca is back open after being fully sanitized, but I have not heard about the others.

Late last week I was notified about possible exposure at Cesar Chavez, where they have not shut down anything but the kitchen and have suspended meal distribution. Additionally, West Shores has had a positive case and has shut down their office, but will continue meal distribution.

5 sites have now had positive test results, which I'm sure is concerning to you as we are thinking about how to return for the 2020/2021 school year. School sites have been operating in a very limited capacity for more than two months now and are just now starting to see these types of results, with hardly anyone at the school sites. It is definitely something we need to monitor.

District Planning Committee for Reopening 2020/2021
We had our first meeting on 5/27/2020. Dr. Gandera stated that she believes we will only need to meet for a total of 3-4 times. CVTA has some concerns with the make up of this committee, which have been stated in various ways to various people.

As I shared before, there are 6 subcommittees, with 58 people total. That sounds like a good amount of people, except when you break it down to 6 CSEA, 6 CVTA, 6 parents, and 40 admin level reps. That's obviously unbalanced and not representative at all of who we have employed in the District. This is an issue we shared with the group. On Friday I was told that they are discussing allowing us to
have a few more people.

Additionally, it appeared as if much of the work had already been done by admin only prior to this committee meeting. Meaning there was no classified, certificated, or parent input on a lot of decisions. We will continue to voice our concerns while diligently representing the 900+ members we have in CVTA. Ultimately, whatever is decided will need to be negotiated with us, so it would behoove the District to make sure we are part of the process at every step.

What I have to share so far is that there will be 3 reopening plans for the 2020/2021 school year: Scenario A, a full return to school, likely with safety measures in place; Scenario B, a hybrid model of return which includes both a return to school and Distance Learning; and Scenario C, Distance Learning with a gradual return to sites. The committee is planning out each scenario so we are ready to go no matter which restrictions are in place at the time. It is assumed we will begin the year as planned on August 11th (employees) and August 13th (students).

One of the most useful (in my opinion) things I learned during this planning meeting was that the District has a webpage for technology support and troubleshooting, that both educators and parents/students could have been using this entire time!! They said it was shared, but I do not believe this to be true (maybe a long time ago, but certainly not advertised during Distance Learning). Anyhow, take a look.  

https://support.cvusd.us/support

CVTA Virtual Office Hours (Webex) 6/2/2020 10:00-10:45.

Here is the information needed in order to join us this week if you have questions or concerns:

- **Meeting Link:** https://meetingsamer.webex.com/meetingsamer/j.php?MTID=m1387fca78b96c4e8516eaff6f9134e31
- **Meeting number** (access code): 126 196 3186
- **Meeting password:** d3jJwrH9J2H (33559749 from phones and video systems)
- **Join by phone:** Tap to call in from a mobile device (attendees only)+1-408-418-9388 United States Toll

Finally, if you want to record a quick video or photo sending a positive message to our students, send it to Rebecca Kay at cvtarebecca@gmail.com. We will post it on our Facebook page for the students!

Please reach out if CVTA can help you with anything, and be safe.

Sincerely,

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