



January 8, 2024

Join our mailing list!

Dear Carissa,

Good morning! Happy New Year and welcome back. I hope your break was everything you needed it to be. Next Monday is a holiday, so the next weekly email will be sent on Tuesday.

Right before break we announced that a Tentative Agreement had been reached in negotiations. This week we have two Zoom meetings at which members can ask questions, followed by two days for voting. The TA should be on the agenda for the school board's approval at the January 18th meeting. After both parties ratify the TA it will need to be approved by RCOE. As soon as we are provided dates for the raise and retro to be paid, we will share those with you.

In the meantime, please attend one of the Zoom meetings if you have questions about the TA, and be sure to check your personal email on Wednesday morning for your voting link (if you need to update your email address, please email Rebecca Kay at cvtarebecca@gmail.com).

- Zoom Session 1: Monday 1/8/24 from 6:00 -7:00 pm, [Click here for the Zoom link](#). (Meeting ID 873 6764 8254)
- Zoom Session 2: Tuesday 1/9/24 from 6:00 -7:00 pm, [Click here for the Zoom link](#). (Meeting ID 897 2204 0030)

Important to Know

- CVTA Organizing Meeting **Tomorrow**: Please join the committee at Starbucks on Cesar Chavez in Coachella on 1/9/24 at 4:00. We will be making signs for the next school board meeting. Bring a friend! Community members welcome!
- We are looking for one Elementary CVTA Member who is interested in joining our PAC Committee. This committee is responsible for interviewing CVUSD School Board candidates for our endorsement. If you are interested, please let me know.

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

This week we would like to recognize **Socorro Ceja (TC)**.

Socorro was nominated by her colleague, Rina Dungao (DO), and here is what Rina had to say:

I nominated Ms. Socorro Ceja since despite being extremely busy with both work & family life, her output in terms of an increase in scores of her students in ELA and ELD classes (and in Summit K12 ELPAC practice scores) continue to increase, she is a much appreciated team player at TCMS, and the fact that she is involved in both the EL Newcomer and EL Mentor programs show her deep commitment & dedication in ensuring the continued success of all her students. She also has such a great personality!

Congratulations to **Socorro Ceja!**

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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

TO REGISTER GO TO:



Important Dates

- **January 8th** - 1st All Member Meeting to discuss the TA 6:00-7:00 pm
- **January 9th** - Organizing meeting at Starbucks, 4-5 p.m., 50-150 Cesar Chavez
- **January 9th** - 2nd All Member Meeting to discuss the TA 6:00-7:00 pm
- **January 10th to 11th** - Online Voting for the TA
- **January 15th**: MLK Holiday
- **January 16th**: CVTA Rep Council Mtg. @ CDA Library 4:30 pm
- **January 16th**: CVUSD LCAP Meeting 5:30 pm
- **January 18th**: CVUSD School Board Meeting @ DO ([Live Stream Link here](#)). ([Submit public comments here](#))
- **January 23rd**: CVTA Virtual Office Hours 4:30-5:30 pm via Zoom
- **January 30th**: CVTA Eboard Meeting 4:30 pm via Zoom



Carissa Carrera
CVTA President

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

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