

January 20, 2026



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Good morning!

We have Virtual Office Hours today from 4:30-5:00 p.m. [Join here](#) if you have anything you'd like to discuss!

Last week at the School Board Meeting, three proposals for more cuts to the district budget were presented to the board. Dr. Esparza and her team created these proposals and are currently visiting school sites to seek input from employees. It is important to note that union leadership in **both** unions were left out of these discussions. Why is this important for you to know? First, it shows that district leadership continues to disregard the elected leadership of their employee groups as important voices. Additionally, it is important for our membership to know that none of these proposals had any input from CVTA leadership and are not supported by us.

CVTA continues to stand by the belief that an independent **forensic** audit is necessary to get CVUSD back on the right track. FCMAT was supposed to present at the last board meeting but it was postponed. Please note that FCMAT's findings are not part of a forensic audit and really is just advice to the district. With that being said, we do not know what the findings are, if any, because the report hasn't been shared with us. [You can find last year's FCMAT report here.](#)

Prop 55 Signatures

If your reps still have the signature sheets, make sure you sign. **Our district stands to lose more than \$24 million if Prop 55 is not extended!**

Retirement

If you are thinking about retiring in the next few years, consider signing up for one of the local CalSTRS sessions listed on the flyer below. Those are group sessions and are not intended for those of you wanting to retire this year. For a personalized appointment, you can call the same number listed on the flyer, and options will be provided for the various meeting types.

Grievances

If you need to file a grievance, [begin here by completing the form](#) so our Grievance Chair, Ethan Lubin, can guide you. You can also reach him at grievancescvta@gmail.com.

Have a great week!

Visit Our Website



Protect School Funding

Prop. 55 Extension

\$10 BILLION IN FUNDING FOR
SCHOOLS & COMMUNITY COLLEGES

CONTINUES EXISTING TAXES ON THE
WEALTHY

FAILURE TO PASS EXTENSION WOULD MEAN
MASSIVE EDUCATION CUTS IN 2030

**POTENTIAL CUT TO
OUR DISTRICT:
\$24.5M**

Join our fight to extend Prop. 55 and keep our schools funded!

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Seasonal Group Sessions Palm Desert CTA

75084 Gerald Ford Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92211

Explore your CalSTRS benefits and services with the help of a CalSTRS benefits specialist in a group setting with fellow educators.

CalSTRS and Your Retirement
(Estimates provided)
Wednesday, November 12, 2025
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Registration opens: October 1, 2025

CalSTRS and Your Retirement
(Estimates provided)
Wednesday, January 14, 2026
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Registration opens: December 3, 2025

CalSTRS and Your Retirement
(Estimates provided)
Wednesday, March 11, 2026
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Registration opens: January 28, 2026

CalSTRS and Your Retirement
(Estimates provided)
Wednesday, May 13, 2026
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Registration opens: April 1, 2026

INTERACT
with fellow educators
in a small to large
group setting

LEARN
more about your
benefits
and prepare for your

REGISTER
800-228-5453, option 3

RR 1880 (rev 5/19)

Important Dates

- January 20th: CVTA Virtual Office Hours, 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. via Zoom
- January 27th: CVTA Eboard Meeting, 4:30 p.m. via Zoom
- February 6th: Negotiations with the district. Please support your team by wearing a CVTA shirt!
- February 10th: CVTA Rep Council Meeting, 4:30 p.m. via Zoom
- February 12th: CVUSD School Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. @ the DO
- February 16th: Presidents' Birthday Holiday (no school)
- February 17th: Lincoln's Birthday Holiday (no school)
- February 18th: CVTA Virtual Office Hours, 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. via Zoom
- February 24th: CVTA Eboard Meeting, 4:30 p.m. via Zoom



Carissa Carrera
CVTA President

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

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