

February 18, 2025



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Remember to wear your CVTA shirt each Wednesday and also on Bargaining Days!

Good morning!

- **CVTA Virtual Office Hours Today** from 4:30 - 5:00 pm. Zoom link is below in the calendar. Join us if you have questions or concerns to share!
- **Human Rights Committee Meeting is tomorrow** from 4:00-6:00 pm at Oasis Elementary or on Zoom. They will host a presentation regarding issues for residents of Oasis Mobile Home Park. [Please refer to the flyer here for details](#)
- There is another **CVUSD School Board Meeting on Thursday**. Please plan to attend if you are able in order to support our RIFd teachers. The meeting is at the District Office Board Room and will begin at 5:30 pm for Closed Session and Public comments.
- We believe that **Preliminary RIF Notices** may be delivered as early as later this week.
 - 1) Please be sure to request a rep if one is not already provided for you.
 - 2) You will receive two packets, one from CTA and one from CVUSD. Complete the paperwork in both packets in a timely fashion. Some of the forms will require you to visit HR for date stamping and submission.
 - 3) **If you receive a RIF Notice, plan to attend our meeting on March 12th** with the CTA lawyer assigned to represent RIFd CVTA members (location and time TBD).
 - 3) Please bring **all completed paperwork** with you to this meeting.
 - 4) If you have questions regarding the paperwork, please contact your site rep(s) or any CVTA board members ([contact info on our website](#)).
- **Negotiations:** We have two dates scheduled for negotiations with the district: March 11th and March 26th. Be sure to show your support for your CVTA Bargaining Team!
- **"Scaring You Away from Technology in 90 Minutes" PD Opportunity.** This was an excellent training about teacher use of social media, cell phones, email, and much more. Only a handful of you attended the Zoom session, but it was an excellent presentation.
- **Elementary ELPAC testing** is temporarily on hold due to the testing window being extended. Ed Services is working with site administrators to ensure the same information is being given to all teachers about the process, including who needs to be trained, requirements for one to one testing, and the process for makeups.

School Board Election - Only 14 days left!

It's not too late to help out! We are seeking volunteers for phone banking and canvassing efforts. These activities are essential for reaching out to our community and ensuring that everyone is informed about the election.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please fill out the Google form <https://forms.gle/EaeX4cVmb1iKLRbV9> or contact Yosmin Nunez at 760-668-5671 or Jacqueline Lopez at 760-989-3899. Thank you for your support!

CDE's February installments of the "Learn With AI, Learn About AI" webinars continue! Educational leaders, technology directors, and teachers are invited to join the following webinars (all start at 4 p.m.):

- Feb. 20: "Highlighting & Addressing Inequities with AI" (bit.ly/AI_Inequities)
- Feb. 26: "Equity Minded Instruction in an Age of AI" (bit.ly/EquityMindedAI)

Have a great week!

Designing an Effective Crisis Response Plan
Presented by: Roshanda Glenn

When :
Saturday
Mar. 1st 2025
10am -12pm

Where :
Palm Desert RRC
75084 Gerald Ford Dr.,
Palm Desert, CA 92211

LUNCH
Food will be provided after presentation

Training Synopsis :
In the face of extreme externalizing behaviors, we teachers often struggle to know what to do to successfully support our students through the crisis. In fact, our reactions to our student's extreme behaviors can inadvertently contribute to the crisis. It can be a struggle to keep our cool while a student is displaying offensive and violent behaviors that publically challenge our authority. In this training you will learn about *The Five-Stage Crisis Cycle*; and you will gain an understanding of the thought process of the student during each phase of the cycle. Additionally, you will learn research-based strategies that you can use during the crisis to successfully bring it to a resolution; as well as strategies you can use after the crisis in order to prevent the next one from occurring.

This training will offer insights as to how a teacher can:

- 🍎 support a student in crisis in a manner that avoids an out-of-school disciplinary action
- 🖍️ maintain composure and avoid being triggered themselves
- 🍎 assert authority without escalating the student
- 🖍️ maintain the safety of themselves and other students
- 🍎 administer targeted consequences that hold the student accountable for their behavior while decreasing the likelihood of future crises

REGISTER NOW
Space is limited

CTA

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Important Dates

- **February 18th:** CVTA Virtual Office Hours via Zoom, 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm [Zoom Link](#)
- **February 19th:** Human Rights Committee Meeting 4:00 pm
- **February 20th:** CVUSD School Board Meeting, 5:30 pm, [Zoom Link](#)
- **February 25th:** CVTA Eboard Meeting via Zoom, 4:30 pm
- **March 4th:** Imperial County Special Election for CVUSD School Board
- **March 5th:** CVUSD PD Day (non-student day)
- **March 6th:** CVUSD School Board Meeting, 5:30 pm, [Zoom Link](#)
- **March 10th:** CVTA Organizing Committee Meeting 4:00 pm
- **March 11th:** Bargaining - Please wear your CVTA shirt!
- **March 11th:** CVTA Rep Council Meeting via Zoom, 4:30 pm
- **March 18th:** CVTA Virtual Office Hours 4:30 pm
- **March 19th-20th:** Elementary Parent Conferences
- **March 20th:** CVUSD School Board Meeting, 5:30 pm, [Zoom Link](#)
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- **March 26th:** Bargaining - Please wear your CVTA shirt!



Carissa Carrera
CVTA President

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

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