



November 17, 2025

Coachella Valley Teachers
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Good morning!

I continue to be out on FMLA leave but remain available to respond to texts, calls, and emails. You can also reach out to the other CVTA Board Members, if needed.

At last week's CVUSD School Board Meeting, a presentation was given regarding the district's financial situation and the need to cut another \$10 million this year and \$10 million next year. It seems they did not meet their goals last year despite RCOE's oversight. We have not been presented with any potential cuts to certificated staff but we hope that discussion will not only be had (last year they were not) but that discussions will begin sooner rather than later.

I hate to suggest it, but the continued mismanagement of the district budget may be taking CVUSD down the road to receivership. That is what we hoped to avoid when we supported an independent state audit which the district fought hard against.

CVTA Virtual Office Hours Tomorrow, 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 18th, is our Virtual Office Hours. Please join us if you have questions or concerns!

Topic: November Office Hours

Time: Nov 18, 2025 04:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89071908705>

Meeting ID: 890 7190 8705

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Friday, November 21st:

Because it is the day before a holiday break, you may leave with the students unless you have scheduled duty time. If you are on duty, you may leave immediately afterwards.

Are You Interested In Improving Your Participation at School Board Meetings?

Please see the flyer below to register for **Monitors and Observers Training**. This is the second in a great series from the Public School Defenders Hub! It is so important to know what school boards should be doing and how to hold them accountable if they aren't following the rules, and the more people who learn this, the stronger we become! **It's not too late to sign up!**

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!



**Public School Board Volunteer
MONITORS & OBSERVERS
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TRAINING**

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:

- Key state Education Code requirements of school boards to ensure accurate, inclusive education for all students
- How you can help reduce the proliferation of detrimental extremist local actions
- How to prepare to actively engage at school board meetings
- "Brown Act" governance laws with which local boards must adhere
- How to escalate complaint filings about non-compliance



**Thursday
Nov. 20, 2025**

**6:30-8:30pm
In-Person or ZOOM**

Anaheim CA in-person venue
(or) virtual Zoom

Register Online:
bit.ly/NovHubTraining



Training Schedule

6:00pm	Check-in
6:30pm	CA Education Code
7:15pm	Questions & Answers
— BREAK —	
7:30pm	Brown Act Overview
8:15pm	Questions & Answers
	Recap & Closing

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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

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Important Dates

- ~~November 17th: Bargaining...Remember to support your team!~~ Cancelled by the district
- November 18th: CVTA Office Hours, 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. via Zoom
- November 19th: Deadline for admin to meet with 1st year probationary educators
- November 20th: CVTA Executive Board Meeting, 4:30 p.m. via Zoom
- November 24th to 28th: Thanksgiving Break
- December 3rd and 4th: Elementary Conferences
- December 5th: Bargaining...Remember to support your team!
- December 15th: Bargaining...Remember to support your team!
- January 15th: Bargaining...Remember to support your team!



Carissa Carrera
CVTA President

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

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