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**THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY MEETING**

FREE PIZZA & DRINKS

Hosted by
Carissa Carrera
CVTA President

 FEBRUARY 8
12 PM - 2 PM | ENTRY:
FREE ADMISSION

Rancho 86 Restaurant
3790 Scott Dr, Thermal, CA

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

Good morning! We hope you have been enjoying the beautiful weather!

There is a lot of information to share this week:

- On Wednesday you should receive **training on the Workplace Violence Prevention Program**. This is the plan I have mentioned in these emails many times which was supposed to have been implemented in July 2024. Regardless, it is finally ready and we are each responsible for making sure it is implemented properly, for everyone's well-being.
- **Negotiations:** Our Bargaining Team will meet with the district on Wednesday, February

5th, for the first time since the district cancelled all scheduled bargaining meetings. Please show your support by wearing a CVTA shirt!

- **School Board Meeting on Thursday, February 6th** Please attend to show your support for those on the RIF list. This is the meeting at which the board will vote on the RIFs, giving permission for Preliminary RIF Notices to be given out before March 15th.
- You may have seen the news over the past few days about School Board Trustee **Jocelyn Vargas' purchase of a home outside of the CVUSD boundaries** Why is this even an issue? She purchased the home as her primary residence, according to the paperwork shared by news outlets, and must establish residency within 60 days. If the home was purchased to be used as a rental, no problem remaining as a CVUSD trustee. But purchasing it as a "primary residence", signed and notarized by Ms. Vargas as such, means that she will no longer be eligible to remain as a trustee in CVUSD. She needs to resign and drop out of the election. Remaining as a candidate in an election for a seat she will soon no longer be qualified for is not only unethical but is also fraudulent, either on her loan paperwork or in the CVUSD election. Thursday's school board meeting will be an important one. Will we see Ms. Vargas participating in the meeting, voting on items such as the RIFs, or will she do the right thing and resign prior to the meeting?
- **According to social media and various websites, today will be "A Day Without Immigrants"** to demonstrate immigrants' essential role in the U.S. economy. [Here is one link](#) for some more detailed information. It is possible that many students may not show up to school today and many employees may stay home from work. Please handle this in the most respectful and professional manner possible.
- **Supporting Immigrant Educators, Students and Families:** We all have the responsibility to keep students safe in our schools. Resources for doing so can be found [here from CVUSD](#) and [here from CTA](#). CTA's advocacy and resources are very thorough (from educator rights and SEL lessons to legal guidance and family resources), so we suggest that you take time to familiarize yourself with the resources in case you need them for any reason. Additionally, the Parent Centers at our school sites have many of these same resources available and you should have been provided the red cards to distribute to students.

School Board Election - Volunteer Opportunities

We would like to inform you about volunteer opportunities available for the upcoming special election on March 4. Your participation can make a significant impact, and we encourage you to get involved.

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!

Have a great week!

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Important Dates

- February 5th: Bargaining with the district
- February 6th: CVUSD School Board Meeting , 5:30 pm, [Zoom Link](#)
- February 8th: Community Meeting with Endorsed School Board Candidates, 12:00-2:00 pm
- February 10th: Lincoln Birthday Holiday
- February 11th: CVTA Rep Council Meeting via Zoom, 4:30 pm
- February 17th: Presidents' Day Holiday
- February 18th: CVTA Virtual Office Hours via Zoom, 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm
- February 20th: CVUSD School Board Meeting , 5:30 pm, [Zoom Link](#)

- February 25th: CVTA Eboard Meeting via Zoom, 4:30 pm
- March 5th: CVUSD PD Day (non-student day)



Carissa Carrera
CVTA President

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

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