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Good morning!

Well, you made it! Two days left in the 2024/2025 school year. We wish you all a relaxing summer break. You've earned it!

You may have heard in the news or from our Facebook page about the possible state audit of CVUSD's financials. As you know, for years we have had concerns about the transparency in CVUSD and personal agendas driving the spending. CVUSD's students deserve to have the money provided for them to actually be spent on them, and the community deserves to know where the money is going.

There are people on both sides of this issue, which is to be expected. No matter where you stand on the issue, we ask that you consider submitting comments to be shared at the hearing on June 18th at 9:30 am. [You can submit your comments here.](#)

CVTA is in favor of a state audit for several reasons. Nearly every year in negotiations we are told that there is no money for our proposals, yet the following year we see that reserves have increased and there was enough money after all. This year at bargaining we were told that the Unaudited Actuals Report was accurate and approved by RCOE, but two weeks later it was announced that RCOE was coming in to oversee the Fiscal Department because there was suddenly a \$60+ million deficit. The Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) did recently complete an audit, but because of Dr. Esparza's friend, a retired FCMAT employee, working in CVUSD as a consultant, specifically working on the budget and LCAP, we are concerned there may be a conflict of interest. Additionally, having RCOE oversee the district's finances also brings up concerns of conflicts of interest since RCOE's Superintendent used to be ours and still has very close ties to some of our board members. Therefore, we would like to see a completely independent audit done. If nothing is found, that would be great and concerns would have been addressed and we can all move forward. Ultimately, CVTA wants to see that the students are getting what they deserve and no money is being diverted or misused. This is not a political issue as some have suggested.

**Health Benefits Informational Meeting:** Today at 4:30 pm our Insurance Committee will host a Zoom Meeting to go over the plan offerings for next year. If you wish to make any changes to your health benefits, you are responsible for working with Risk Management over the summer to make those changes. All the same plans we had this year will continue to be offered (but at a higher cost because of the nearly 8% increase from the insurers), but there will also be a brand new plan offered as well. For details, [join us today on the Zoom](#) or watch

the recording on our website under "[Documents](#)" after the scheduled meeting time. Risk Management personnel will be in attendance in order to assist with questions. Hope to see you there!

**School Board Meetings:** These don't stop over the summer! If you are in town, please consider joining us at the meetings. CVTA leadership continues their attendance throughout the summer months (of course you can also watch online).

**Check-out:** You are not responsible for chasing anyone down for signatures, but you are responsible for attempting to get the signatures. If you've tried to get them once, you can leave the signatures blank, other than the administrator signature. However, if you've made an appointment for check-out and your admin does not show up (it's happened to me more than once) just leave the check-out form on your desk and head out.

**Appreciation Gift:** There are still 296 CVTA Members who still have not redeemed their appreciation gift. Please check again in your personal email (from [noreply@perfectgift.com](mailto:noreply@perfectgift.com)), as it has been sent to you twice if you have not yet redeemed your gift.

**Voluntary Transfer Opportunities:** Today should be the first day that voluntary transfer opportunities are shared via district email. Any positions not filled from the voluntary transfer list will be offered to our teachers on the reinstatement list. Throughout the summer HR will send out new vacancies via email, so if you are interested in making a move it is up to you to watch your email over the summer. The district is not responsible for providing boxes and tape or moving your items when you transfer voluntarily (you are required to leave any site or district purchased items in your classroom). Note: if you were an involuntary (or "voluntary involuntary") transfer for the 2025/2026 school year, you may still seek a voluntary transfer if a position interests you.

**Reinstatement List:** There are 82 people on three different reinstatement lists: 66 on the elementary list, 14 on the secondary list, and 2 on the nurses list.

- HR will call people from the lists based on seniority and credentialing. For example, if they need a secondary math teacher, they will skip calling the people not credentialed in math. If they need a TK teacher, they will not call people who are not properly qualified for TK.
- They must call everyone (in order) if they have a subbing position available. You can accept a sub job and still maintain your spot on the list for full-time positions.
- If you do not like the position being offered to you, you have the right to turn it down and remain in your position on the list.
- If you would like to know your position on the list, you can contact HR or you can reach out to our Membership Chair, Rebecca Kay, at [cvtarebecca@gmail.com](mailto:cvtarebecca@gmail.com).

**Bargaining:** An all member Zoom meeting was held on Saturday to go over the details of the Tentative Agreement. Thank you to the bargaining team and all those in attendance for giving up your Saturday morning for this! The recording of the meeting can be found under the Documents tab on our website at [www.mycvta.org](http://www.mycvta.org). Voting is now open and will close at 4 pm on Wednesday. For questions about your voting email, please contact Sarah Chavez at [cvtalelections@gmail.com](mailto:cvtalelections@gmail.com).

**Site Reps for 2025/2026:** Thank you to those who have stepped up to represent the members at your sites for next year! We do, however, have a few vacancies. Nominations are no longer open, but if you are interested please let us know! **We have changed the number of reps needed based on a tentative staffing number from HR.** If there are additional reps needed later, we will open nominations again.

AE - 1 vacancy

BD - Dave Winchester

CC - Juan Badeña

CDA - Richard Diaz

CMA - Juanita Nunez,

CVHS - Simon Moore, Maya DeLeon, 1 vacancy

DM - Richard Ortiz, Xochitl Zatarain, Rosemarie Bustamante

DO - 1 vacancy

ECE - Annette Vargas

JK - 1 vacancy



LF - Matt Ellis  
LP - Kelly Reilly  
MA - Monica Martinez, Justin Brown (might need just one, but we will address that after school begins)  
MV - (1 interested)  
NS - (1 interested)  
OA - 1 vacancy  
PP - 1 vacancy  
PV - Jazmin Gomez, Melissa Landfried (might need just one, but we will address that after school begins)  
SM - 1 vacancy  
SV - Adalila Garcia  
TC - Lisa Hall, Luis Barraza (might need just one, but we will address that after school begins)  
VDS - Stephanie Ortiz, Ethan Lubin (might need just one, but we will address that after school begins)  
VV - (1 interested)  
WS - (1 interested)  
WSHS - John Sellers

Have a great Summer Break! Look for our next Weekly Email in August shortly before we return to work.

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## Important Dates

- June 10th: CVUSD Last Day of School
- June 12th: CVUSD School Board Meeting, 5:30 pm, [Zoom Link](#)
- June 19th: Juneteenth Holiday
- June 26th: CVUSD School Board Meeting, 5:30 pm, [Zoom Link](#)
- July 4th: Independence Day Holiday
- July 17th: CVUSD School Board Meeting, 5:30 pm, [Zoom Link](#)
- August 14th-15th: Teacher workdays (one is Welcome Back and Staff Meeting, one is your workday)
- August 14th: CVUSD School Board Meeting, 5:30 pm, [Zoom Link](#)
- August 18th-19th: District PD Days



**Carissa Carrera**  
CVTA President

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

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