Greetings!
Good morning! We have Hybrid MOU negotiations again on Friday, and will send an update afterwards.

There is a CVUSD School Board Meeting this week as well, on Thursday 1/14/21. Closed Session begins at 5:30 p.m. and Open Session is usually at 6:30 p.m. You can join the meeting here. You can submit comments prior to the meeting here.

CTA Upcoming Conferences
The CTA conferences continue to be virtual and free to all members. Please click the link to see what’s coming up and to register. New this year…CTA will pay for your units if you need them! See the information included in the link.
CTA Conference Link

NEA-RA Declaration of Candidacy Form
The NEA-RA will be virtual again this year. CTA has put out the Declaration of Candidacy Form. Complete this if you would like to represent CTA at the NEA-RA this year. Please note, if you’d like to represent CVTA specifically, we will hold those elections at a later time. This election is for state candidates to represent CTA, and all members are eligible to run for one of these seats.
NEA-RA Declaration of Candidacy Form

Free Resource: Mental Health Back to School Toolkit
Find the Mental Health Back to School Toolkit from Riverside University Health System - Behavioral Health at https://up2riverside.org/resources/mental-health-back-to-school-toolkit/. The toolkit is free and easy to use.

The Mental Health Toolkit is designed to assist teachers, school staff, community groups, and others who work with youth and young adults to change the conversation about mental health and wellness. Due to COVID, the world as we know has shifted, and it’s important that educators and community leaders are able to speak openly about mental health with students of all ages. The downloadable resources provided on this page offer an opportunity to start a conversation about mental health, provide support to young people, and link them to resources if needed.

RCOE Resources for Teachers
There are several resources available to us through the RCOE site, so we wanted to share them with you. Many are geared towards virtual learning, and some are upcoming webinars as well as many previously recorded trainings. Please take some time to see what’s there for you to access! https://www.rcoe.us/educators/

California Casualty Update
California Casualty recently rebalanced territories to allow for more state coverage. I wanted to introduce you to our new local representative Inez Morales, contact info below. Chris Renn will now be covering Orange County. This change keeps him closer to his home. Don’t forget you can get a gift card for checking out the rates by going to Inez’s website: https://www.readyforquote.com/inex.
Email: imorales@calcas.com

Reporting COVID Illnesses or seeking COVID Information (a repeat)
HR set up an email specifically for COVID purposes. It is HRleaves@cvusd.us and should be used for inquiries as well as reporting a positive case of COVID-19. You are expected to report to HR if you do test positive, even if you haven't been on site for a while. They are required to track employee cases, but will keep your personal medical information confidential. It is important to note that the Families First coronavirus Response Act expired on 12/21/2020, and therefore you do not have additional leave available specific to COVID illnesses. If you need information about what leaves are available, use the HRleaves@cvusd.us email to ask your questions.

Thank you for everything you do...it does not go unnoticed! Have a fantastic week!

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In need of funds for your classroom?

Visit us online at www.cta.org/ift

Empowering our Members
To date CTA members have funded 408 grant projects totaling more than $4.7 million. All CTA members are eligible to apply for an Educator grant (up to $5,000) or an Impact grant (up to $20,000).

Grant Application for 2021-2022 Academic Year
December 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021

Check out the Do's and Don'ts Funding Guidelines here.

Important Dates

• January 13th - CVTA Rep Council 4:30 pm
• January 14th - CVUSD School Board Meeting 5:30 pm
• January 15th-17th - CTA Issues Conference
• January 18th - MLK Holiday
• January 20th - CVTA Office Hours 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm
• January 22nd to 24th - CTA State Council
• January 27th - CVTA Executive Board Meeting 4:00 pm
• January 28th - CVUSD School Board Meeting 5:30 pm

Carissa Carrera
CVTA President
"You can't do it unless you organize."
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