



December 4, 2023

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Dear Carissa,

Happy Monday! I hope you had a wonderful weekend.

Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences are this week. We also have negotiations this week, on Friday. If you recall in the last update, the district made a couple moves at the table that our team believes to be regressive bargaining. They will continue to look into that when they meet with the district's team on Friday. Please remember to show your support for the team by wearing your CVTA shirt that day! It's a small act on your part, but so important to show a unified force.

I regret to share that we lost one of our members over the Thanksgiving Break. Sadly, Yvette Ossinalde (WS) passed away. Yvette was both an administrator and a teacher while at CVUSD, and was always so happy to be at work with her colleagues and students. We will share service information once we receive it.

Important to Know

- Dr. Denise Ellis is no longer with CVUSD. Maria McLeod is acting as interim Assistant Superintendent of HR until the position gets filled.
- The last school board meeting of 2023 will be held next week on Thursday at the DO. Please plan to attend if you can. At this meeting the board will be selecting a new board president for the 2024 year. More information about how to participate online or to submit public comments to be read at the meeting is below in the calendar.

CVTA Member Spotlight ([Nominate someone here](#))

There were no new nominations this week. We know there are members doing great things. Please take a minute to nominate one of your colleagues.

Wishing you all another great week!

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Important Dates

- **December 6th** - Elementary Conferences (evening)
- **December 7th** - Elementary Conferences...minimum day and afternoon only
- **December 8th** - Negotiations...please wear your CVTA shirts in support!
- **December 12th** - CVTA Rep Council Mtg. @

Addressing Special Education Challenges Spring Webinar Series

CTA members continue to face challenges as they related to workload and district support when delivering Special Education services and supporting the needs of students with IEPs. CTA has programs and resources to help local associations get the help that they need in order to better support students, educators, and their communities.

All sessions are 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

JAN 22,
2024

NAVIGATING SPECIAL EDUCATION AS A GENERAL EDUCATION TEACHER

Past and present teacher education programs provide deficits in learning about how to navigate Special Education. In this training, we will discuss Individual Education Plan (IEP) meetings, responsibilities, and legal obligations to provide individualized instruction to students and to participate in the IEP process. We will also briefly discuss instructional strategies, approaches, and how to understand accommodations and modifications.

FEB 12,
2024

IEP RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

This training is for all school staff. We will review IEP meeting and attendance expectations, school personnel and parent training, miscellaneous IEP and Special Ed "must knows" and we will also review compliance complaint procedures.

FEB 26,
2024

ORGANIZING AROUND SPECIAL EDUCATION ISSUES

This workshop is designed for association leaders who are dealing with Special Education issues in their districts. Participants will learn strategies to build effective advocacy campaigns to support the learning conditions of students and the working conditions of teachers. We will use a social justice lens to examine how to build this work from the ground up.

APR 22,
2024

REMOVING THE BARRIERS TO LEARNING THROUGH UNIVERSAL DESIGN FOR LEARNING (UDL)

How do you currently remove learning barriers for students in your classroom? UDL is an evidence-based framework that can empower educators to remove barriers for students in your classroom, in order to create more access to the curriculum and content. Learn about how to implement evidence-based strategies and supports into your daily routines and classroom curriculum.



Information, resources, and programs listed are available at: www.cta.org/special-education-resources

TO REGISTER GO TO:



- CDA Library 4:30 pm
- December 14th - CVUSD Organizational School Board Meeting @ DO ([Live Stream Link here](#)). ([Submit public comments here](#))
- December 18th - CVTA Virtual Office Hours 4:30-5:30 pm via Zoom
- December 19th - CVTA Eboard Meeting 4:30 pm via Zoom
- December 21st - Negotiations...please wear your CVTA shirts in support!
- December 25th-29th - Winter Break
- January 1st-5th - Winter Break
- January 12th - Negotiations...please wear your CVTA shirts in support!



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

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