



August 23, 2021

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Greetings!

Good morning! We are already on our second full week of the 2021/2022 school year. In making some site visits last week, I saw many staff and students happy to back to school in-person.

We do realize there are some on-going issues, however, and we are working to address those. Please remember, if you have a concern at your site, reach out to your administrator and your site reps to attempt to resolve the issue at the lowest level.

CVTA is working on filing grievances related to internet connectivity, printers, and AC units, as well as a couple other contractual items. More information will be shared as the filing progresses.

You may want to revisit the District's Safety Plan for this year ([see it here](#)). There is an OSHA Covid-19 FAQ web page you may want to take a look at ([visit it here](#)).

One reminder...the current mask mandate is mandatory masking indoors, at all times, unless drinking or eating. That exception is intended for locations where others should expect you to be eating or drinking, like the lounge. Please be aware that during staff meetings and PDs, your mask should remain on. This is for the safety of everyone in the meeting.

Mental and Emotional Health

We have heard from several people about the difficulties of returning to meetings held in-person, classrooms filled with students, overall just the drastic change from being in the protective environment of your home during a pandemic. **Please, check in with your colleagues and see if there is anything they need.** It is so important to make sure we as the adults in our schools are mentally and emotionally healthy in order to provide for the additional needs our students will have this school year. Do not keep quiet. Reach out for support if you need it. I'm just a phone call or text away.

Last week I shared information for accessing our Employee Assistance Program. You can view that email again [here](#), if needed.

Site Rep Elections

Nominations are open until 4 pm today for those sites with vacancies. Please follow the instructions for nominations so we can have proper representation at each site. Nominations should be sent to cvtaelections@gmail.com.

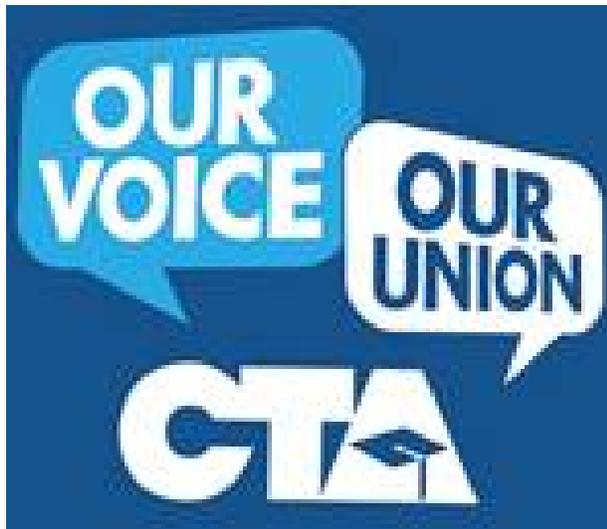
Special Enrollment Opportunity for CVTA Members - Now Open

CVTA and CTA have made it possible for you to apply for CTA-endorsed Disability and Life Insurance with Standard Insurance Company (The Standard) starting **August 15, 2021**. Sign up for text alerts to get a reminder when enrollment opens by texting 1033 to 74050. Learn more at standard.com/cta/coachella

Reporting COVID Illnesses or seeking COVID Information

If you need information about what leaves are available or to report a positive COVID case, please use the HRleaves@cvusd.us email, as well as the appropriate form in School Stream.

As always, thank you for everything you do for the students of CVUSD!



Important Dates

- **August 25th** - CVTA Executive Board Meeting 4:00 pm
- **August 27th** — POSSIBLE CVTA Welcome Back Social, location and time TBD POSTPONED
- **September 1st** - Catastrophic Sick Bank enrollment opens
- **September 2nd** - CVUSD School Board Meeting, 5:30 pm ([Live Stream Link here](#))
- **September 6th** - Labor Day Holiday
- **September 8th** - CVTA Rep Council Meeting @ 4:30 pm
- **September 9th** - Deadline to balance class sizes
- **September 16th** - CVUSD School Board Meeting, 5:30 pm ([Live Stream Link here](#))
- **September 18th** - Low Desert Virtual Leadership Conference (for site reps and committee chairs)
- **September 21st** - CVTA Virtual Office Hours 4:30-5:30 pm
- **September 29th** - CVTA Executive Board Meeting 4:00 pm

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

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