

April 7, 2025



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

Good morning!

We have our RIF Hearing on Tuesday which means that there will be a lot of substitutes in classes. We don't anticipate the hearing requiring two days, so hopefully Tuesday will be it. If you have any RIFd teachers at your site, wish them well for the hearing. It can be very stressful to consider not having a job for next year. Remember that the district definitely over RIFd, and they've already rescinded 17 notices (mostly secondary).

District Calendars: The next two years of calendars have been approved. I've had several questions about some changes from previous calendars. The two PD days that are usually in October and March have been moved to the beginning of the school year in order to allow for training to be completed before instruction begins. Additionally, there are now two weeks at Spring Break to help alleviate absences that occur in the week prior to Easter Sunday (we've always taken off only the week after Easter, but many families leave early). Other than those two significant changes the calendars are nearly the same as previous ones. There are two teacher workdays at the very beginning as usual. One will be used for the Welcome Back and Staff Meeting and the other for you to work uninterrupted in your classroom. These two days will be followed by the PD days.

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AB 2534 (Assembly Bill): There has been a recent change affecting what education applicants must disclose on their applications. I've gone ahead and copied the description of the change and the rationale for it so you are aware of this new requirement.

"Effective January 1, 2025, California Education Code Section 44939.5, amended by AB 2534, mandates that applicants for certificated positions in California public schools disclose all prior employment with various educational institutions, including LEAs, school districts, county offices of education, charter schools, and state special schools. This requirement applies regardless of the length of service at these institutions.

The purpose is to enhance transparency and accountability in hiring by allowing employers to verify employment history and inquire about any credible complaints, investigations, or

disciplinary actions related to egregious misconduct reported to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC). Hiring LEAs must inquire with previous employers about potential egregious misconduct, and responding LEAs are obligated to provide relevant records if any were reported to the CTC. Applicants must provide a complete and accurate employment history, and any attempt to conceal past positions or incidents could raise concerns during the hiring process. This new requirement is designed to protect students and ensure a safer learning environment."

Please note - You will know if anything has been reported to the CTC because you will be contacted by them directly. Being placed on admin leave or having a complaint filed against you does not necessarily mean the CTC was contacted because this relates only to **egregious misconduct**. "In the context of California's Education Code, 'egregious misconduct' is defined as immoral conduct that is the basis for offenses related to sex offenses, child abuse or neglect, and certain controlled substance violations."

CVTA Scholarships for Member Dependents: Each year CVTA offers scholarships for dependents of our members.

- If you have children who are **graduating high school this year** and are headed to college or a trade school next year, have them [complete this application](#).
- If you have children **already in college or trade school and will be continuing** next year, have them [complete this application](#).
- All applications can be emailed to cvtaprez@gmail.com.
- Please make sure all directions on the forms are followed in order for us to accept the application. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Have a great week!

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Important Dates

- **April 7th to April 11th:** Online voting for State Council Representative and Alternate
- **April 8th:** Middle School Conferences
- **April 8th:** RIF Hearing, CVUSD Board Room @ 10:00 am (possibly April 9th also)
- **April 9th:** Rep Council Mtg, 4:30 pm via Zoom
- **April 10th:** High School Conferences
- **April 11th:** Minimum Day for Middle and High Schools
- **April 14th:** Bargaining - Please wear your CVTA shirt!
- **April 15th:** CVTA Virtual Office Hours 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm
- **April 17th:** CVUSD School Board Meeting, 5:30 pm, [Zoom Link](#)
- **April 18th:** Good Friday Holiday
- **April 21st to 25th:** Spring Break
- **April 28th:** Final Evaluation Conference Deadline (end of work day)
- **April 29th:** CVTA Eboard Meeting via Zoom, 4:30 pm



Carissa Carrera
CVTA President

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

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