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Welcome to 2022

It is hard to believe everything that has happened over the last year. COVID-19 continues to bring challenges to all of us, especially at our schools. Students, staff and the community are working together utilizing the best tools and practices available to secure a successful learning environment. A special thank you is in order for our classified employees who strive to keep our facilities clean, staffed and ready to support our students.

Your local Chapter 310 Executive Board continues to work with SVUSD management on state, local and union issues that affect classified personnel including minimum wage increases, CDC and Local requirements related to COVID-19, Juneteenth negotiations and benefits/wages.

Expiring Executive Board positions were filled at the Nov. 8th chapter meeting which also brought us our new interim Secretary, Ana Portillo. An induction meeting will be held January 12, 2022 where officers are sworn in.

The school board held their annual rotation meeting and Scott Blough is now board President and the new Clerk of the Board is Sofya Bagdasaryan and Trustees Jubran, LaBelle and Smollen will remain on the board.

The Chapter 310 By-Laws and Constitution have been updated and approved by membership and are being sent to CSEA for final approval.

CSEA has agreed to allow local chapter meetings to be held electronically via "Zoom". This has helped increase attendance and keep more employees engaged.

New "Site Representatives" have been signing up to help CSEA maintain bulletin boards and assist members. Please contact Lynn Wood if you can help at your site.

These are just a few highlights from 2021 and there are sure to be new challenges and highlights beginning soon in 2022. Please attend chapter meetings to be informed.

Check Your New Medical Plans

SVUSD no longer uses CalPERS for medical benefits and is now contracted with SISC "Self-Insured Schools of California". All eligible employees receiving medical benefits should have been contacted by their plan of choice and received ID cards and other information.

If you filled out paperwork during "open enrollment" and have not been contacted by your insurance plan, please reach out to the insurer's website and try to resolve the issue. If you continue to have problems, please contact Stacey Shoff in benefits at the District Office.

If you received a "welcome" letter but have not received an ID card, please contact your insurance provider or SISC directly.

Navitus is the new pharmacy for on-line orders. Please check their website regarding your prescriptions for mail order fulfillment and don't forget to contact your doctor's office and provide them with your new insurance ID card and pharmacy provider information to minimize negative impacts to your healthcare. If you are not with Kaiser, Costco would be your preferred local pharmacy and you don't need a Costco membership for these services.

Summer Assistance Program

SVUSD has once again agreed to support eligible 10 and 11 month employees with the State supported "Summer Assistance Program". Eligible employees must sign up for this program. A maximum of 10% of their monthly income will be matched by the State. Contact Classified Personnel for more information.

The goal is to help employees who have limited income during the Summer months secure funds from what they saved during the year. The program is subject to State funding, but if the money is available, our district has agreed to provide the necessary payroll support required to fulfill the needs of the program.

CSEA Scholarships and Awards



CSEA awards \$1,000 scholarships to the dependents (including spouses) of its members.

There are scholarships for graduating high school seniors, as well as awards for those already enrolled in community college, college/university or trade/vocational schools. There are also other education awards available through CSEA. Some applications are due as early as Jan. 31, so please review the applications as soon as possible.

If you are a CSEA member, view the opportunities that are available at: csea.com/education.

Each year, your own CSEA local Chapter 310 offers its annual \$500 scholarships for seniors at SVUSD high schools as well. Please attend chapter meetings to learn more about these opportunities as well.

It pays to be a CSEA member. In addition to grants, scholarships and awards, you can earn a FREE Associate's Degree, Bachelor's Degree, Teacher credentialing, legal advice and a \$5,000 Accidental Death insurance policy.

Please visit csea.com/benefits to learn more about discount opportunities and benefits being in CSEA!

Chapter 310 Budget Adopted

During the November and December chapter meetings, the Chapter 310 Budget for 2022 was adopted by membership.

Despite CSEA announcing that Conference this year will be "in-person", the budget has a surplus from last year because of Conference in 2021 being virtual.

When Delegates need to travel to Conference and secure lodging, food, transportation and other expenses, a large portion of the budget goes towards Conference.

Not knowing the future of upcoming Conference expenses, this may be the last year we can make generous donations like we did last year.

More on this topic will be discussed at chapter meetings. We will be funding the CSEA "Dorothy Bjork Disaster Relief Fund" to assist members who sustain hardship from disasters (including fires and flooding). Please join us to discuss ways our chapter can best assist members and others in need.

District COVID-19 Testing

SVUSD is adhering to Ventura County Public Health requirements for Covid. Free testing for SVUSD employees is available on a daily basis at locations and times identified on a chart maintained by Sean Goldman and his staff. Contact your site administrator if you are in need of securing a Covid test. They are also offered every Thursday at the District Office.

It was announced that the State will be supplying Covid test kits for students through VCOE but no date has been provided as to when these kits will be available to our students. The District will be distributing these materials when they are available.

Please consider getting a Covid test if you are employed or your child attends SVUSD classes and you travelled or participated in group activities over the holiday break.

The District is requiring all employees to be vaccinated or get weekly Covid testing. Announcements will be made regarding Covid as new regulations are made.

2022 Chapter 310 Meeting Dates

Until further notice, all meetings will be "virtual" via ZOOM. *Links will be emailed. Meetings will start at 5:00 pm

Jan.10th, Feb.7th, March 14th, April 11th,
May 9th, June 6th

(No Meetings in July and August)

*Please send your personal email to the email at the bottom of the news letter to secure Zoom links to these meetings, newsletters and other important information.

Chapter 310 Executive Board 2022

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