



# NEWS

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## Pfizer Vaccine Provided to Staff

As a participant in the vaccine distribution that took place on Saturday and Sunday (Feb. 27-28), I would like to thank our Superintendent (Dr. Jason Peplinski) who worked diligently with Adventist Health Simi Valley Hospital and the Ventura County Public Health Agency (VCPH). These efforts awarded all SVUSD employees who wanted the vaccine to receive their first dose with the second one being available March 20-21, 2021.

Moorpark Unified School District and California Lutheran University (in addition to a few private schools) were also invited to participate in the event which was very well received by those in attendance. Dr. Peplinski stated that nearly 2,400 school employees participated in the event.

Staff and Administration from school sites assisted in keeping the process organized and flowing smoothly. Nurses from schools and the hospital verified medical data and also distributed the vaccine.

Participants appeared eager and excited to be given the opportunity to receive the vaccine locally and strived to maintain social distancing guidelines. While waiting in pre-established groups, people enjoyed conversing with one another, meeting new colleagues and sharing thoughts about the vaccine and COVID-19 in general.

Thanks to everyone working together towards a common goal that will hopefully benefit all staff, students, families and the community. See you March 20-21!

*Jim Jarrard (CSEA Simi Valley, Chapter 310 President).*

Dr. Peplinski has provided the following contacts for anyone who wants to extend their appreciation:

**(Adventist Health):**

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## Chapter 310 Scholarship Update

Our annual high-school scholarships are now underway. From March 1 through May 3, 2021, applications will be available to qualified candidates to apply for one \$500 scholarship from each high-school campus.

The applicant's parent or guardian must be an active union member in good standing (paying state and local dues). Applicants must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher as of the end of first semester with high school verification.

A 500 word essay titled "All About Me" must be included as part of the application. Applications can be downloaded and submitted electronically at [chapter310.com](http://chapter310.com) or picked up at each high-school's counseling office.

Submissions will be reviewed by E-Board members and the winners will each receive a \$500 check in addition to an award certificate.

If you are a chapter 310 union member and you have a qualifying student, we encourage your participation in this program. If you are not yet a union member and have a qualifying student, please join the majority of classified employees at SVUSD and become a CSEA member to earn all of the benefits you deserve!

## March 8 Vote on Budget

The March 8, chapter meeting will include a vote from members to approve a one-time increase of donations from the chapter to assorted causes.

A temporary surplus of funds is available because of CSEA conference being virtual last year saving funds.

To vote on the motion, you must be a union member in good status (paying both state and local dues). There will be membership verification during the ZOOM so please make sure you sign into the meeting with your full name and not a "nickname" or "ipad", etc. Also, please keep your microphone on mute unless speaking.

## Covid-19 Safety and Masks

Just a reminder that even if you have been fully vaccinated, or just starting with the first dose, all employees are required to wear masks as described in the "SVUSD Covid Safety Plan" (CSP) and highlighted in the recent training from Risk Management through Target Solutions, "Cal/OSHA Prevention Program" (CPP).

SVUSD must work under the guidelines of the "California Department of Public Health" (CDPH) and the "Ventura County Public Health Dept." (VCPH) regarding COVID-19 and safety protocols.

SVUSD works with both bargaining units with the goal of communicating and creating safety plans, MOUs and procedures that will encourage and maintain a safe working environment for all employees and students.

Please do your part and maintain social distancing and wearing a mask until guidelines change.

## Retire with CSEA Benefits

In addition to the retirement incentives you can receive from SVUSD, don't forget about additional benefits you can secure from CSEA's Retirement Unit. If you are age 50 or older and are retiring from SVUSD, you can join the retiree unit for only \$3.00 per month. You can contact CSEA Member Benefits through [www.csea.com](http://www.csea.com) to learn more. As a retiree unit member, you can secure:

- Free \$5,000 Accidental Death Policy
- Free College Programs for you and your family members
- Free Legal Referral Program
- Access to Humanitarian and Emergency Assistance
- Free Medicare Health Plan Counseling
- Access to Group Dental and Vision Insurance Plans
- Guidance for Social Security and CalPERS issues
- All other services and member benefits that active members receive.

As a retiree unit member, you can also be elected to serve on your chapter's Executive Board and help others by sharing your knowledge and past experiences. As our Regional Representative (Jeanne Foster) always says: "Retire from your job, not your union!"

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## Retirement Incentive MOU Update

The "Retirement Program" (Article XVII) in the SVUSD/CSEA Contract was modified last year with an MOU to enhance benefits to retirees, especially if they met the "early tell" deadline to submit paperwork.

Your bargaining team has been continuing to work with management on this topic and new language has been approved by SVUSD and your team which will be sent to the CSEA field office for approval. We hope to bring this new MOU to membership this month so the benefits set forth can be implemented for all retirees who sent in their paperwork by February 1.

It has been very rewarding working with management, our Labor Relations Rep (Diane Wilkinson) and the team trying to finalize such an important article.

Although the new contract contains this Article, if approved, the benefits in this new MOU will supersede the currently published language.

## \*2021 Chapter 310 Meeting Dates

Until further notice, all meetings will be "virtual" via ZOOM. Please keep your personal email up-to-date with us so you can receive links to the meetings. Start time is 5:00 pm.

March 8th,  
April 12th, May 10th, June 14th  
**(No Meetings in July and August)**

\*Subject to change based on COVID-19. NOTE: Special meetings may be scheduled separately as required.

## Chapter 310 Executive Board 2021

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