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March 11 Professional Development

On Friday, March 11, 2022, SVUSD will be holding a district wide staff development day for all employees. If you are regularly scheduled to work that day, you are expected to be at the event.

If you are not scheduled to work that day, you will be compensated for 2.5 hours at your regular rate of pay to attend. Also, those not scheduled to work, must sign-in and out at the event to get paid.

An email was sent about this program to all employees which included an "RSVP" link. If you can attend, please click the link so that organizers can get a sense of how many attendees there will be. If you have any questions about attendance, please contact your supervisor.

Superintendent, Dr. Jason Peplinski, and future SVUSD Superintendent, Dr. Hani Youssef, will open up the event, followed by keynote speaker, Dr. Luis Cruz. This year's title is: "Spring Training - Hitting it out of the park". Attendees are encouraged to wear attire based on one of their favorite sports teams.

Car pooling is encouraged. Attendees should arrive at Simi Valley High School (at the stadium) between 7:45 am - 8:15 am as the event is scheduled to start at 8:15 am. Dismissal is expected at 10:30 am where scheduled employees will return to normal duties. See you there!

No More Masks - March 12, 2022

Masks will no longer be required to be worn by students or staff at all SVUSD school sites beginning March 12.

Superintendent, Dr. Jason Peplinski sent information out to all parents and staff regarding new regulations set forth from the State and other health organizations that regulate public schools. It is important to realize that SVUSD is not allowed to make its own rules for mask mandates and other health regulations occurring during the Covid-19 pandemic.

2022 Chapter 310 Scholarships

Our annual high-school scholarships are now underway. From March 7 through May 2, 2022, 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 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!

2% Raise Pay and Covid-19 Days

The recently approved 2% raise is retroactive to July 1, 2021. Fiscal is working hard on processing the raise and "retro" payments, so please do not contact them asking when you will be receiving the funds (which should be within the next two pay periods).

Fiscal is also working on the restoration of days that employees were forced to take because of Covid-19. According to new California law, the maximum to be returned would be 80 hours. Again, Fiscal is aware of the process and is working diligently to restore those lost hours. Please be patient during this process.

2022 Virtual M&O Academy



You don't want to miss out on this no cost training opportunity!

This year, the professional development opportunity will be OSHA 10 training and certification. Only 40 participants will be allowed per session. A free M&O gift will be given to each attendee.

"The OSHA Outreach Training Program provides workers with basic and more advanced training about common safety and health hazards on the job."

Two sessions are available to complete your OSHA 10 certification: Saturday, March 26 and Sunday, March 27, 2022 (either 7:00 am - Noon, or 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm). You must pre-register and pick which time you want to attend and you must attend BOTH days to earn your completion certification.

This event will earn you professional growth credits as outlined within your contract. You can actual earn raises by attending CSEA classes as a union member.

For more information about the M&O Academy, contact member benefits: memberbenefits@csea.com

New CSEA Website

As many of you know, CSEA has been updating their website to better serve all members. This main site provides state-wide information to members and is accessed at: csea.com. Your local "Chapter 310" also hosts another website focused our chapter business at chapter310.com. Please utilize both sites as needed.

The new CSEA site has news on upcoming events like "Classified Employees Week" and member only benefits including scholarships, free college programs, CalPERS retirement seminars, Paraeducator conferences, Union Steward and other training, discounts on services and goods, and MUCH more.

If you are asked to "sign-in" on the website, you must create an account. If you are asked for your union ID, you can call the number provided on the screen or look on your CSEA "Focus" magazine mailing label.

You should also have a "union card". If you don't have this card, please contact CSEA member benefits.

If you are not a union member, please visit csea.com and click on "Join CSEA" at the top of the screen. Most SVUSD classified employees are in CSEA and can vote on their contract and earn great benefits!

More Upcoming CalPERS seminars

CSEA's Pre-Retirement Committee has arranged **FREE** online webinars. Learn all about:

- The state of CalPERS. Your pension remains strong.
- What benefits are available to you now and in the future.
- What information CalPERS uses to calculate your retirement.
- Options for retirement.
- The importance of the CalPERS Power of Attorney form.
- Get your questions answered in real time!
- Get an estimate of your benefits.

Be sure to create a myCalPERS account before attending at: <https://my.calpers.ca.gov>

March 12, 2022 - 9:00am to Noon (via ZOOM)

March 22, 2022 - 9:30am to 12:30 pm (via ZOOM)

RSVP: Debb Jachens (408) 473-1000 x1309 or email: preretirement@csea.com to attend these seminars.

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

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.

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