



# NEWS

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## Potential Reopening of Schools

As announced last week by Superintendent Dr. Jason Peplinski, there are two ways of reopening schools for a partial day of in-person learning.

The first method would only allow JK/TK through 6th grade to return and would be subject to Ventura County Public Health (VCPH) approving a “waiver” that would be submitted by the Board of Education.

Both SEA and CSEA provided feedback to the Board that a majority of Certificated and Classified employees surveyed were not in favor of submitting such a waiver.

The second method could only happen if our county's COVID-19 statistics improve enough to place us in the lower “Red Tier” of the state's Watchlist. (Our county is currently in the highest, most restrictive Purple Tier.) The Red Tier would allow us to bring back all of our students for a partial day of in-person instruction.

Our county would need to remain in the “Red Tier” until October 20 to qualify for the return of students in a hybrid model. The full return of students would not be allowed until the county is in the “Yellow Tier”.

Please read Dr. Peplinski's email that was distributed district wide last Friday for all of the details. Please note that this situation is fluid and the status can change at any time. The Board will apply for a waiver on October 14 if the county is not in the “Red Tier” at that time.

## Open Enrollment Ends Oct. 16th

Don't forget that open enrollment to make any changes to your Medical benefits expires on October 16th. If you are still in one of the “High-Cost” tiered plans, please see Stacey Shoff in Benefits to discuss other options that can save you a lot of money with equal benefits.

New pro-rated rates were negotiated for 20-30 hour employees. Please discuss your options with Stacey.

## Jonathan Bonesteel Endorsement

This year, three Trustee positions for the SVUSD Board of Education are expiring. Two seats were uncontested granting incumbents Bob LaBelle and Kareem Jubran automatic renewal.

Now that Simi Valley is divided into “areas” for elections, the third Trustee position currently held by Dan White is being contested by three candidates. Members from your Executive Board interviewed each individual and their recommendation was made at the last chapter meeting in September. All members in attendance voted unanimously to endorse Mr. Jonathan Bonesteel.

Our chapter has applied for PACE funds to assist with the campaign needs of Mr. Bonesteel. Although only those in Area “C” can vote for this candidate, we can help by getting the word out that Jonathan Bonesteel is endorsed by both bargaining units (SEA and CSEA).

Mr. Bonesteel is heavily involved with his children's school and cares deeply about the future of education in Simi Valley and looks forward to helping the Board lead our district to a strong, bright future.

Remember, PACE funds come directly from your “Victory Club” membership. You can join for just \$1/mo.

## New COVID-19 MOU Ratification

CSEA and SVUSD have worked diligently for months to create a new COVID-19 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to protect all employees, students and others during the pandemic.

CSEA has approved the MOU pending a few minor changes that have been submitted to SVUSD. If approved, Chapter 310 members will be able to review and ratify the document. Only active union members in good standing are allowed to vote on such documents. If you are not a union member and want to join, please contact our Treasurer, Jose Posada.

## Executive Board Nominations



Each year, our chapter holds nominations for key positions on the Executive Board.

This year, we will be accepting nominations during the months of October and November for the positions of: President, 2nd VP, Secretary, Communications Officer and one Member at Large.

Qualified nominations from the floor will be accepted during the chapter meetings of October and November along with those from the Nominations Committee.

Only active CSEA members in good standing can nominate (or be nominated) for positions on the Executive Board. Each term is two (2) years and additional training may be required before the candidate takes office. There will also be an induction dinner in January to swear in all positions.

In the event that there are multiple qualified candidates for a position, a vote from union members will be held in December. If a qualified nominee is uncontested, they will win by default. Because of COVID-19, the way we vote would be different than our normal "in-person" method. Be assured, we will only pursue any vote as needed and only as approved by CSEA.

A special "thank you" to everyone who is currently serving on the Executive Board. Your dedication volunteering countless hours to benefit members is often overlooked, but our chapter could not survive without your contributions and talents.

## Daylight Savings Time Change



On Sunday, November 1, 2020, Daylight savings time ends at 2:00am. Clocks are turned backward one hour to 1:00am local standard time.

Sunrise and sunset will be about one hour earlier on Nov 1 than the day before and there will be more light in the morning. This time change is sometimes referred to as "Fall Back" or "Winter Time". So, remember to turn your clock back one hour before you go to bed on Oct. 31.

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## No Cost College Programs

CSEA is proud to offer two, no cost college programs for members and their families. As a union member, earning an Associate or Bachelor's degree not only enhances your personal enrichment, but some members may also be able to earn a pay increase through their contract's "Professional Growth Article".

Your family members are also be eligible to participate so why not learn more about earning college degrees at no cost, including tuition, books and fees?

CSEA (in partnership with Union Plus) is offering these opportunities along with free webinars to answer any questions. Contact CSEA Member Benefits at (866) 487-2732 ([memberbenefits@csea.com](mailto:memberbenefits@csea.com)).

## Don't Forget to VOTE!

Please VOTE in the upcoming Presidential election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 in person, or by mailing in your ballot (following all instructions and deadlines).

## 2020/2021 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.**

**2020:** Oct.12th, Nov.9th, Dec.14th

**2021:** Jan.11th, Feb.8th, March 8th, April 12th, May 10th, June 14th

**(No Meetings in July and August)**

Please keep your current personal email on file for notices  
\* Subject to change based on availability and return to school.

## Chapter 310 Executive Board 2020

Chapter President - Jim Jarrard  
1st Vice President - Richard Rubino  
2nd Vice President - Kim Holden  
Secretary - Karen Linn  
Treasurer - Jose Posada  
Communications Officer (CO) - Barbara Jarrard  
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Kathy Birdt - Karen Hewitt - Mischelle Ray  
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