

CTA Virtual State Council

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Report from Sarah Robinson, At Large Representative

We were hoping to be in person for this meeting, but out of an abundance of caution this State Council was held virtually. All plans are to have January's meeting in person at the Bonaventure Hotel.



During his report CTA President E. Toby Boyd affirmed the right of both the state and a school district to require vaccines and that numbers show that CTA members clearly support vaccine mandates with over 90% of them being vaccinated against COVID-19. United Teachers of Los Angeles (UTLA) leads the way with 99% of their members having received at least 1 shot. President Boyd also mentioned two voucher initiatives that could appear on the November ballot. California voters have defeated measures like this before, but these are more attempts to direct public funds towards private and for-profit schools. There is also an initiative to end all collective bargaining for public employees. President Boyd's message to all of those forces who would attempt to weaken our association and public education was "Not on our watch!"

The state budget included a historic allocation of \$3 billion to develop community schools. Click [here](#) for more information on community schools. Members of CVSTA are already doing great work on developing community schools here in the South Bay.

Ethnic studies is now a high school graduation requirement in California! Schools have to begin offering a course in 2025-26 and the requirement is in effect with the class of 2029-30.



Are you or someone at your site working to make it a place that is safe for LGBTQ+ students? Apply for a LGBTQ+ Safety in Schools Grant and Scholarship Program in Honor of Guy DeRosa. Awards are given up to \$2,500. Click [here](#) for more information.

Give your input on the CTA budget by taking the budget survey by clicking [here](#).

Universal Transitional Kindergarten will be phased in across the state over the next 4 years starting next year with a class size of 24:2. There are still some issues to be worked out dealing with credentialing of TK teachers and their requirements. Currently, teaching TK still requires a multiple subject credential. The length of the TK school day is determined by local districts.

You can access the full State Council report book [here](#).

Feel free to contact me with any questions at robinson.sarahlou@gmail.com or at (805) 431-8383.

In solidarity,

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