



# JUST THE FACTS...



The VTA/CTA/NEA 18-19 Bargaining Update  
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The VUSD and VTA bargaining teams met for 2 hours on February 6, 2019.

VUSD Team Members: Chris Hulett, Manolo Garcia, Sasha Begell, Kelley Birch, Tina Ahn, Adam Wight, Jennifer Stahlheber, Ed Santopadre (Ed's last meeting; he won't be returning to the table)

VTA Team Members: Brenda Hensley, Todd Blanset, Kim Campbell, Jennifer Lindsay, Jason Jones, Tracy Begley (President)

There are several new members so we began with introductions and an overview of the interest-based bargaining process.

The teams reviewed last year's bargaining ground rules and signed off on this year's ground rules.

VTA mentioned that we would like to move the minimum days of 19-20 Elementary fall conferences to be adjacent to Thanksgiving break. No agreement was signed but that change be forthcoming.

We discussed bargaining 20-21 and 21-22 school calendars in a later session.

Jennifer Stahlheber gave a brief budget update, which included new COLAs from the state and some of Governor Newsom's budget proposal items. The budget will need to be updated based on the second interim report.

The cost of 1% (something we always agree on before we begin bargaining) was discussed. VTA and VUSD numbers are pretty close. We anticipate agreeing to a number in the next bargaining session.

There was some discussion of the district's OPEB (other post employment benefits) account. VTA will be requesting more information to clarify the information given.

Two dates were set for bargaining: 2/27 and 3/12.