



JUST THE FACTS...



The VTA/CTA/NEA 25-26 Bargaining Update

Issue #5

January 8, 2026

The VUSD and VTA bargaining teams met for 5 hours on January 8, 2026.

VUSD Team Members: David Robertson, Sasha Begell, Ali Eeds, Kelly Burks, Cathy Bozzini, Shayla Bowman, and Lynn Benevides

VTA Team Members: Megan Morris, Sofia Calderon, Becky Wylie, Tracy Begley, Jared Ropelato and Brenda Hensley, VTA President

The first topic discussed was Article 9: Class Size. We spent the majority of the time discussing some of the options that we brainstormed in past bargaining sessions. There was some discussion about reducing class size maximums, and how that will be difficult because of the lack of facilities.

Later, Kelly gave us some funding updates from the governor's "State of the State" presentation from the morning. More details will be coming out on Friday. She then gave us costs for the items that we prioritized in our past meeting. We will use this information to determine what additional changes we will make this year, though no changes were agreed upon at this meeting.

As a reminder, we have already bargained and received a 2.93% raise at the beginning of this school year as well as a health care increase, which cost 0.87%. This is a total of 3.8% increase for this year.

Next Dates for Bargaining: January 20, January 28, February 25