



JUST THE FACTS...



The VTA/CTA/NEA 26-27 Bargaining Update

Issue #1

October 15, 2026

The VUSD and VTA bargaining teams met for 1 hours on October 7, 2026

VUSD Team Members: Lynn Benevides, Kelly Burks, Sarah O'Connor, Shayla Bowman, Ali Eeds, and Aumrey Moland.

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

This meeting was held in response to two "Demand to Bargain" letters that were sent to VUSD. The only two topics discussed today were the CYBHI billing that counselors, school psychologists and nurses have been asked to begin this year and the GATE program letter that was sent to GATE parents and upper elementary teachers.

Regarding the CYBHI billing, the district has agreed to pause the program for now while they reevaluate the system and the process. A letter was sent to the school psychologists, counselors and nurses stating this fact.

The GATE discussion concluded with the district agreeing to send out updated communication to families that does not imply that cluster grouping of GATE students is happening for all GATE students in all elementary classrooms. The district also acknowledged that teachers should be notified of their GATE students at least a week in advance of a letter sent to parents. VTA has asked that a list of GATE students is provided to each teacher.

No MOUs were signed about these two topics, because of the nature of the discussion, but we have agreed to discuss them further in our normal bargaining sessions.

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