

ITA March Newsletter

COVID-19

By now, everyone has received the news that our schools will be closing for two weeks plus spring break, re-opening on Monday, April 6. During this time, we will continue to receive our pay and service credit with CalSTRS. We are also expected to provide Emergency Distance Learning (EDL, the new education acronym!).

According to law, all public employees are declared to be “disaster service workers” subject to such disaster services activities as may be assigned by their supervisors or by law. Therefore, we may be asked to perform some tasks which are new to us, such as what EDL might require, but we will not be expected to replicate classroom instruction.

There are many details yet to be clarified, but please know that ITA has been conferring with IUSD’s leadership as well as CTA and other local teachers’ unions constantly to acquire and share the best information regarding this crisis.

You will hear more from the district later today. They are waiting for more information from the governor. For now, your principal will be your source of information about what your site will be doing, but expect to report to your site on Monday. In the meantime, everyone is working overtime to prepare for the closure, including extra nightly cleaning crews who have been working at our sites for the past week or two.

ITA is advocating for as many options as possible for our members. The key goals for the district are that kids keep learning, that staff are safe, that day care

needs of staff are accommodated, that staff and their families are healthy, and that everyone respects social distancing.

For now, we all need to be good community members and do what's best for ourselves, our families, and our students to help all of us to remain healthy.

ITA Elections

Information about candidates and voting dates will be posted as usual on site bulletin boards. In addition, we will email the info to all Site Reps to share, and post the info on our website and our Facebook page. The voting is not scheduled to take place until the week of April 13, so we are hoping that we will be back to normal health by then.