

To all Faculty

As we settle into the first week of the Fall 2020 term I wanted to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back on behalf of the AFT Local 1828 and give everyone a brief update as we get back into the swing of things.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email me at msheetz.aft1828@gmail.com or Bea Herrera at beaaft1828@gmail.com.

1. Although the majority of classes are being held remotely, there are a number of on-ground courses across our three campuses. The AFT has been working closely with the district to ensure that all students and faculty who will be on campus are as safe as possible. We have addressed a number of concerns over the past few weeks, and will be continuing to monitor any new developments. We want to encourage anyone who has questions or concerns over the re-opening plans, or the procedure for opening the classrooms in compliance with county, state and federal guidelines to contact us immediately so that we can work with you to resolve any concerns you may have, and ensure that everyone is as safe as possible.

2. Over the past few weeks, we have been working closely with the individual campuses and the district to clarify many of the unanswered questions centered around the procedures and requirements for office hours this term. If any faculty member is being given conflicting guidance or continues to have questions about how they may safely meet their office hours commitments please do not hesitate to email either Michael Sheetz at msheetz.aft1828@gmail.com or Bea Herrera at beaaft1828@gmail.com.

Over the summer, the faculty voted to ratify our new collective bargaining agreement and we recently concluded the open-enrollment period for the upcoming transition to the CALPERs benefit plan. The transition to CALPERs will occur on September 1, 2020 and we encourage anyone who has had difficulty with registration, or has had problems with the transition and would like some assistance from the union to reach out to Jenny Redding, our assistant grievance chair. She may be reached at jennyredding@mac.com

Lastly, but most importantly, our C.O.P.E. Chair Paula Munoz has been working very hard over the summer to recruit a strong candidate for Trustee to finally provide some balance and fairness to the Ventura College District Board of Trustees. She is pleased to announce that the AFT Local 1828 is endorsing Nicole Wall in her bid for Area 3 trustee on November 3, 2020.

As the following bio shows, she is an experienced educator who is excited to have the support of the AFT. We ask that all of you at the very least spread the word and ensure that your friends and relatives support and get the vote out for Nicole Wall.

We encourage any member who is interested in doing their part in the push to take back the board to contact Paula Munoz at pmvive@yahoo.com



Nicole Wall

Nicole has been a Colina Middle School Art and English teacher for 15 years. She has been a member of committees charged with developing policy for supporting English learners and plan for schooling during a pandemic. She has an MA in Educational Leadership from American College and holds multiple teaching credentials from UCLA and CSUN. She completed her BA at CSUN and attended Moorpark College.

Nicole is a proud member of the Unified Association of Conejo Teachers union. She is a solution seeker and has been an advocate in grievance filing for her fellow teachers. She believes in having hard conversations, justice and is committed to bringing about needed change in the VCCCD.

AFT believes that Nicole can effectively represent the interests of faculty and students.

Please support your AFT Executive Council and the COPE committee in endorsing and electing Nicole Wall for Area 3 Trustee for our college District.