

# VESPA



## Ventura Education Support Professionals Association

### March 2025 Newsletter

#### What the heck is going on?

On February 4, the School Board passed a resolution to layoff 80+ FTE of classified staff (minus 2 positions). Many attended the meeting. Despite a packed room and overflow room, layoff notices went out. Bumping meetings have been going on. It's a terrible process to go through.

On February 25, the School Board passed another resolution to lay off certificated staff. The cuts weren't as steep as to classified. During the packed meeting, the board decided not to cut a number of positions because of outcry and public comments to save those positions.

#### What Can We Do? ALL HANDS ON DECK!!



- Attend the next **School Board Meeting on March 11, 2025.**
- Provide public comments on the impact of the loss of these classified positions that directly impact students and their families.
- Attend a sign making EVENT before the 3/11 school board meeting (check personal email for details to come)
- Email the School Board. Let them know how these cuts are impacting students, and families in our district.

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- Argue to get the parcel tax back on the next (city) ballot for funding.
- Support Prop 55 for more school funding!
- If you can't attend the School Board meeting, watch live on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@VenturaUnifiedSchoolDistrict/streams>

Board President, Calvin Peterson, will be at the VESPA office on **Thursday, March 13 at 4:30 pm** to answer questions. Make him understand how devastating these cuts to classified employees are to our students our our families in the district!

There is still time to avoid these drastic cuts. The School Board could reverse course if enough pressure is put on them. The district could dip into some of their reserve funds. They've set aside 6% for reserves. They're only required to set aside 3%. Demand accountability, transparency, and fairness.



The next VESPA meeting will be at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, **April 2**. Check your personal email for Zoom link.

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