

ANGELA WILLIAMS

Teacher/Parent

I've lived in our community for over 30 years and devoted my life to health and education. I began my career as a clinical cancer researcher at Children's Hospital of OC (CHOC). My love for science and research quickly became a love for teaching high school students as I moved my focus from lab work to homework.

I began teaching science at the high school level in 2012 and have spent the last decade pouring into my students. Because of my unique background, the district opened its doors for me to develop and implement a biotechnology pathway at Orange High School.

My husband and children all graduated from the same OUSD schools I taught in, and I couldn't be more grateful for the teachers that helped them achieve a quality education.

But as many of my colleagues know, the district has recently turned away from back-to-basics education. Instead, special interests and politics take precedence over parents. This shift in mindset led to school shutdowns that disproportionately hurt low income families and many students have yet to recover socially, emotionally, and academically.

Take for example Orange High School where I taught: only 16.36% of students now meet or exceed state standards in science. The worst part is that success rates across the district have declined dramatically due to poor pandemic policies.

As your trustee I will:

- Shift the focus to supporting students and parents;
- Work with parents and students to discover the best educational pathways available to them;
- Help develop and implement new STEM programs for our students;
- Focus on back-to-basics education and curriculum;
- Keep education dollars focused in the classroom, not on special interests.

My candidacy is supported by leaders in Orange County education such as:

- Mari Barke, Orange County Board of Education, Area 2
- Dr. Ken Williams, Orange County Board of Education, Area 3
- Tim Shaw, Orange County Board of Education, Area 4
- Dr. Lisa Sparks, Orange County Board of Education, Area 5
- John Ortega, Orange Unified Board of Education, Area 2
- Angie Schleuter-Rumsey, Orange Unified Board of Education, Area 6
- Rick Ledesma, Orange Unified Board of Education, Area 7

Student voices and concerns are heard in my classrooms. I'd be honored to have your support and your vote. To learn more please visit WilliamsforOUSD.com.