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Governing Board Member, Orange Unified School District, Area 4

As an experienced OUSD trustee, I bring a wealth of knowledge, experience, community connection and trusted leadership to this position. Recent challenges required strong leadership, dedicated staff, determined students and families, and Orange Unified School District met these challenges.

Because of our responsible fiscal policy, OUSD was able to immediately act when Covid closed schools, providing each student with a device, and online learning began immediately. We provided hot spots for connectivity, and meals to students in need.

I believe the best learning occurs in the classroom so we worked to become the first OC district to return safely to in-person learning. Staff implemented health department-mandated protocols, determined teachers focused on student needs, and children and families worked in new and different ways. All persevered, and students learned. OUSD offered the option of continued online learning with their same classroom teacher. Few districts did.

As your trustee, it has been my privilege to contribute leadership to OUSD's many accomplishments.

Under my leadership, OUSD accelerated its commitment to mental health and wellness, hired more counselors and school nurses than ever, and opened wellness centers. Student safety and wellness are top priorities and belong in school safety plans.

Strong academics are always a priority, and we implemented an Extended Learning Opportunity Program, to give students more time for instruction. OUSD schools continuously excel - we boast National Blue Ribbon Schools, a California Model Continuation School, three on U.S. News' Best High Schools list, many California Gold Ribbon Schools, Project Lead the Way winners, and CSBA Golden Bell awards. To provide families choices, we opened Edge Virtual Academy K-12 and offer dual language immersion schools featuring Spanish and Mandarin. Career pathways like aviation, culinary arts, medical, construction, and video/film production have increased under my leadership.

Measure S funds provided successful completion of state-of-the-art STEM Centers at all four high schools, and Phase 2 modernization is beginning. OUSD alone boasts excellence like this. With our credit rating of AA1, careful bond planning and fiscal management, Measure S dollars go farther. Responsible fiscal management allowed us to modernize Fred Kelly Stadium, build a new pool at El Modena, install new playground equipment at every elementary, renovate restrooms, and more. Solar panels at fifteen sites save millions of dollars for OUSD and help save the planet.

I pledge to continue my mission to keep OUSD moving forward, and I'd be honored to have your vote.