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Orange Unified School District, Governing Board Member, Trustee Area 5

It has been an honor to serve on the Orange Unified School Board in a community I have called home for nearly 50 years.

My husband, two children and I are all proud graduates of OUSD, and I feel blessed to be part of such a caring and family-friendly community. I am committed to continue working hard to keep our local schools safe, strong, and focused on the important education of our children – the foundation of our future.

I volunteered extensively in our district for nearly two decades before being elected in 2018 to serve as your school board member. Since then, I have honored my pledge to put student needs first, to be ethical and transparent, and to create a more cohesive and trustworthy board.

From visiting campuses regularly, to engaging students, parents, teachers, school administrators, and community members, to studying each issue thoroughly, I have dedicated myself to students' needs and I am proud to have earned the support of a wide-ranging group of parents, teachers, employees, community members and electeds.

Under my leadership, we created a long-term plan for OUSD to improve existing educational programs, add new program choices within our district, and upgrade and modernize our campuses.

We saved local taxpayers millions of dollars through responsible planning, balanced budgeting, and tough decision-making, while:

Being the first district in Orange County to safely return students to full-time classroom instruction after COVID shutdowns

Increasing the number of counselors, psychologists, school nurses

Achieving a 97.4% graduation rate, substantially above the state average $\,$

Constructing state-of-the-art Science, Technology, and Engineering Centers

Funding improvements to existing classrooms, playgrounds, sports facilities, and restrooms

Creating the largest K-12 Career Technical Program in Orange County

Leading the way to an all-electric bus fleet, solar-powered campuses, and green infrastructure for long-term taxpayer savings and responsible stewardship

Each OUSD student is unique, and I am committed to ensuring every student reaches their highest potential. Some will choose college, while others will not. Our college pathways have always been strong, but I will continue my fight to continually improve all our academic and Career Technical programs to ensure every graduate has choices and is capable, confident, and ready to succeed upon graduation.

Let's keep Orange Unified moving forward together! I respectfully request your vote.

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