

DUANE DISHNO

Governing Board Member, Huntington Beach Union High School District

I am a long-term resident and parent who has spent my adult life as an educator and advocate for kids. School safety, quality teachers, teaching real-world job skills, and providing support and resources for students with disabilities are critical issues.

We added psychologists, mental health counselors and nurses to address student safety. We put students first by providing laptops, hot spots, and 24/7 live, online tutoring. Installation of new pools and state of the art air conditioning systems is underway. We have maintained financial stability and cash flow without substantial budget cuts or salary reductions.

My focus is on student engagement, academic growth, and improved instruction. I visit classrooms conversing with teachers, staff, and students to hear what is working well and what needs attention, and I participate in student events and PTSA.

In these uncertain times, our students perform well academically and maintain a 95 percent graduation rate. Our performing arts students win local and national awards and hold live performances. More than fifty sports teams participated in CIF playoffs, and we provided 1.5 million meals to students and families. More than half our students enrolled in summer and college credit programs.

Students will always be my priority.

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