

ASHLEY ANDERSON

Governing Board Member, Newport-Mesa Unified School District, Area 7

I'm a lifelong Costa Mesa resident and an educator with a passion for our Westside neighborhoods. I attended our local schools, starting at Wilson Elementary. I have worked locally as an elementary teacher, a director of children's ministries, and over the past decade, as a nonprofit leader creating successful education initiatives in our city.

My 2022 priorities are ensuring a 21st century modern education for each student with technology, arts, and languages, increasing community partnerships, high quality early education, equal funding, and utilizing playgrounds as parks.

As a board member during the pandemic, I cast the vision for a care and support line to help meet academic, technology, nutrition, and community resource needs, as well as participating in food, diaper, and book drives.

I am proud to have selected an excellent new superintendent in fall 2021.

Based on parent feedback, I prioritized the hiring of one school-community facilitator for each school that would benefit from caring, cross-cultural support.

I requested the installation of a crosswalk at Pomona and 18th St. to keep families safe. I helped bring back buses to Whittier Elementary.

A former Estancia Eagle, I was instrumental in recently preserving our one green space where decades of students have created memories and gone outside for fresh air. We can now have both our senior lawn and a new theater.

I reinstated the Irvine Company Endowment, which hadn't been used since 2004, by careful study of the budget and requesting changes to board policy. We now have over \$400K/year to use for educational enhancements.

Since becoming the first directly elected Area 7 trustee in 2018, I have actively contributed by engaging in district and community collaborations. For NMUSD: District English Language Advisory Committee, Policy Review Committee, Mental Health Taskforce, Human Relations Taskforce, and Career Technical Education Advisory Council. With Community Partners: CM Chamber of Commerce's Education Committee, CM City Leaders Liaison Group, Trellis Education Initiative, Wilson St. Learning Center, YMCA Community Advisory Committee, NMUSD Rep for OC School Boards Association, and Early Childhood Coalition Costa Mesa (Founding Member).

I understand and love our community, especially the schools and neighborhood where I grew up and still live. I choose Pupils over Politics and will continue to be a devoted and trusted advocate for our schools.

I have the leadership and educational experience to continue making a positive difference. I respectfully ask for your vote.

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