

RICK LEDESMA

Governing Board Member, Orange Unified School District, Area 7

I am running for re-election to continue my advocacy for students and parental rights. I believe the focus must remain on students and their families, not special interests. Parents are in the best position to make primary decisions for their students.

As a community member and parent, I understand that all children deserve a high quality education. My wife of 24 years and I have raised our children in this community and continue to give back by helping to make our public education system better. With my career in corporate finance and accounting, I have unique insight into budgeting and management team building.

In the last 22 years, my experience as a Board Member in education and finance background has helped me manage educational and budgetary issues. This position isn't supposed to be political, one of our top responsibilities is making sure the Orange Unified School District has enough money on hand to retain quality teachers and offer high quality programs for our students. Over the last 22 years I have:

- Focused on students, not politics;
- Led the efforts to approve viable charter schools;
- Listened to parental concerns regarding their students' education;
- Voted to approve every parent requested interdistrict transfer;
- Fought to keep our tax dollars in local schools, not Sacramento;
- Cut waste and held the department accountable for its actions.
- Eliminated over \$60,000,000 in unfunded liability.

Every child has a unique educational pathway that works best for them. Education should start with giving parents the choice of where to send their children. My proven history of managing OUSD's budget while still focusing on our students has led me to gain the support from education leaders across the county, including:

- 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

I'd be honored to have your vote. For more information, please visit my website: LedesmaforOUSD.com.