

SHERINE SMITH

Retired School Superintendent

I'm a former teacher, middle school and high school principal, and the retired "Orange County Superintendent of the Year," and I'm ready to fight for our kids on the Capistrano Unified School District Board.

Growing up, I always knew I wanted to be a teacher. I'm fortunate my first job was right here in Capistrano Unified School District (CUSD). I've never stopped being passionate about giving my all to our kids and making sure every student is safe, supported, and has access to a world-class education. Learning has the power to change lives. Our students deserve every opportunity to succeed and must be equipped with real-world skills to thrive as adults.

As the principal of Aliso Viejo Middle School and then Capistrano Valley High School here in CUSD, and as an award-winning superintendent in Laguna Beach, it was always about putting students first. No matter my role, I worked hard to ensure high academic standards, effective instructional programs, after school enrichment, and a focus on STEM, while balancing budgets that prioritized resources for classrooms.

I'm running to represent San Clemente on the school board because it's time for experienced leadership. My unique skillset and lifelong commitment to our kids means a return to integrity, fiscal responsibility, and common sense. I know how to lead a district, keep our students safe, protect taxpayers, and balance our budgets while collaborating with parents and our community - exactly what has been lacking on our current board.

As your trustee, I'm committed to excellent schools and ensuring parental involvement. I will put students first and:

- Provide Board oversight to ensure our kids are the primary focus.

- Direct resources to the classroom.

- Equip students with the tools to be ready for college, careers, or the military upon graduation.

- Work to reduce class sizes to ensure all students can reach their goals.

- Ensure safe and welcoming schools for all students.

Right now, our district is pursuing extremist policies with a political agenda and putting partisanship over student welfare, while keeping parents and families uninformed and wasting taxpayer resources. It's time to take politics out of our schools and classrooms, restore integrity, and put students first. I'm a longtime San Clemente taxpayer and homeowner concerned about the direction of our district. I'm supported by local teachers, parents, and community leaders. Please vote for Sherine Smith for Capistrano Unified School Board!

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