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Education is one of our society's most important responsibilities. A strong education ensures a strong foundation for success—not only for an individual, but also for our community and nation.

I ask for your vote to empower families in our children's education and rededicate our School Board to academic excellence.

I am a Newport Beach native, husband, father, and prosecutor. I am product of Newport-Mesa's elementary schools and proud graduate of Corona del Mar High School. I earned my Bachelor of Arts from Yale University and my law degree from the University of San Diego School of Law.

When it comes to the issues facing today's students, family is the solution, not the problem.

My top priorities for our schools are:

**Empowering Families**—Parental and family involvement is vital for student success. We must end policies driving a wedge between parents and students.

**Safety**—A safe learning environment is necessary for our students to succeed. We must prevent external threats from entering our campuses and provide the disciplinary tools to stop internal violence and bullying.

**Focused Learning**—Attention-draining electronic devices interfere with classroom education. We must control the digital distractions harming our students' mental health and learning abilities.

**Transparency**—Without transparency, there can be no accountability. Our schools must be transparent in all areas, especially related to spending, academic achievement, and student health.

**Education, Not Indoctrination**—Students should be taught how to think, not what to think. Our schools' curriculum must reflect our commitment to academic excellence, not any political agenda.

My wife Whitney and I happily call Newport Beach home. We have been married for 12 years and have two children. Both are students at Newport-Mesa schools. I am committed to providing the same excellent education that I enjoyed to all Newport-Mesa students.

I would be honored to have your vote and serve as your representative on the Newport-Mesa Unified School District Board of Trustees.

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