

**CAROL CRANE****AGE: 61**

Governing Board Member, Newport-Mesa Unified School District, Trustee Area 3

As homeowners in Newport Beach for 35 years, my husband Gary and I raised three children, who all graduated from NMUSD. Our commitment to this community continues. I humbly serve as NMUSD School Board President and respectfully seek your vote to continue serving.

Since being elected in November 2020, I have promoted educational excellence, expanded Career Technical Education, ensured fiscal responsibility, improved community engagement, and enhanced campus safety.

My priorities and accomplishments include:

**Educational Excellence:** Corona del Mar High School boasts a national academic ranking in the top 8% of public high schools. Students matriculate to top universities and our scholar athletes are heavily recruited. As President, I secured funding for new musical instruments, student scholarships for nursing school, and grew Career Technical Education throughout the district to 18 pathways, including construction, business management and patient care. With my support, by Fall 2026, Transitional Kindergarten will be offered for all 4-year-olds.

**Fiscal Responsibility:** NMUSD remains fiscally strong. We maintained a Moody's AAA bond rating and reserves that exceed state recommendations. Key projects showcase our commitment to improving facilities without compromising fiscal prudence, including our facilities maintenance plans to provide shaded playground structures and improved athletic facilities.

**Stakeholder Engagement:** I consistently attend school events, town halls, and PTA/PFO and foundation meetings to better understand and represent our community's needs. In 2024, NMUSD boasted 3,400 parent volunteers who support our school sites. Additionally, I strongly value our numerous partnerships with local businesses and non-profit organizations as partners in education.

**Campus Safety:** I advocated to install fences and advanced security systems on our campuses. Front office access is now secured and surveilled. I advocated to equip campuses with Narcan and provide our staff fentanyl training to handle emergencies. I voted to disallow cell phones in the classroom for TK-8th to keep our students safe from bullying and focused on learning. I support our partnership with Newport Beach and Costa Mesa Police Departments as we collaborate on school safety and e-bike education and enforcement.

My endorsements include community leaders like Orange County Supervisor Katrina Foley, Newport Beach Councilman Brad Avery, NMUSD Trustee Lisa Pearson, former Newport Beach Mayor Keith Curry, and hundreds of community members.

With Sacramento sending mixed signals to schools, we need experienced leadership to protect local control. My record prioritizes serving you and listening to your voices, keeping our kids safe, striving for academic excellence, and preparing our students for future success. I respectfully ask for your vote to serve another term as your school board trustee.

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