

AMY PETERS

Businesswoman/Parent

I am a wife and mother of three. My children are the second generation to graduate from the Newport-Mesa Unified School District (NMUSD). I am also a businesswoman and a former educator. Moreover, I have been an unwavering community partner and advocate for nearly 20 years.

I will take action to advocate for NMUSD stakeholders at every possible opportunity. Our District is in dire need of strong leadership and new direction - focused on academic excellence and students' needs not declining rankings due to special interests.

I am committed to:

Academic Excellence: Though the District boasts a 94.7% graduation rate, only 36.8% of 10th graders are reading at/above grade level and 66.95% of 11th graders are failing math standards. I will work to improve academic outcomes; removing controversial programming and materials in our schools. Students must attain skills and achieve their full potential with objective foundational knowledge and understanding, and sound teaching practice.

Fiscal Responsibility: Demonstrating poor fiscal health, NMUSD is ranked #25 of 28 Orange County districts. I will work to adopt responsible strategies for budget management. I will be a better financial steward of our abundant revenues; prioritizing classroom-based student achievement.

Accessibility, Transparency, Communication & Engagement: I will work to restore the partnership between parents and educators, and to ensure that transparent and responsive governance and leadership is prioritized.

Physical Safety: I will work to audit security, policy and practice and implement effective measures to keep students and staff safe reinstating practices that create a safe learning environment.

Support Educators: I will support and respect educators and strengthen trust to retain talent.

I will fight for all students putting action behind the District's slogan to Inspire, Educate, and Elevate instead of simply using it as a catchphrase.

My commitment to the community has included: Newport Harbor High School (NHHS) - Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation; School Site Council; Newport Harbor Education Foundation Home Tour volunteer; Vice President of the Newport Harbor Athletic Foundation; President of the NHHS Girls' Soccer Boosters; Ensign Intermediate - School Site Council; Woodland and Kaiser Elementary - School Site Council; co-founder of a STEM focused Foundation; Vice President of Fundraising - PFO and PTA; AYSO Soccer Coach; Preschool Teacher at Westcliff Early Childhood Education Center and President of my church. I am a Newport Harbor High School graduate, attended Orange Coast College and earned my BA from the University of California, Irvine.