SARA J PELLY **AGE: 59**
Appointed Incumbent

For the past 35 years I've championed for public school students as a teacher and principal and now I am honored to currently serve as our Orange Unified Area 4 appointed Trustee. I believe my extensive experience informs my decision-making that helps build programs resulting in student success. I am a proud product of K-12 public schools and have been a resident in OUSD for nearly 40 years, which inspires me to make sure every tax dollar is spent wisely and transparently for the benefit of all students and our community. I support the hardworking teachers and employees who are the heart of OUSD, and am grateful to them for their endorsement.

As a principal I led a dual-language immersion program to statewide Golden Bell Award-winning success, all while consistently improving student achievement. I am proud of how I brought students, families, and teachers together. Parent and community involvement is crucial to the success of every child, and I will partner with them to ensure every student leaves OUSD with the necessary skills to succeed in college or the workforce. I believe in a student's right to an appropriate education, and will work to meet the needs of our diverse student populations.

It is essential that school board members operate with honesty, transparency, and fiscal responsibility; and that our tax dollars are spent effectively, with no personal agendas or pet projects. Smart investments in great public schools mean securing a bright future for our children and grandchildren. Together we will move this district forward, creating a culture of caring, collaboration, innovation, and success.

As a trustee my priorities are:

- Ensuring open and transparent communication with all stakeholders
- Improving facilities by wisely managing maintenance funds and fully developing an Asset Management Plan where the needs determine priority
- Fostering success of the innovative programs that make OUSD a destination district by providing proper supports for administrators and teachers

For nearly 40 years my husband and I have worked to ensure quality education for students from preschool through college. We have been active volunteers with the Community Foundation of Orange and other organizations, and I have volunteered with my therapy dog Orvis at St. Joseph's Hospital, the Orange Elks Club, and elder care facilities.

Join me in securing a brighter future for Orange Unified by giving me your vote by November 5th.
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