

RON RUEF**Youth Sports Director**

Every student deserves a high quality education, every parent deserves a voice, and every taxpayer deserves responsible stewardship of public funds.

As your Capistrano Unified School District Trustee, I will focus on putting students first, preparing them for the careers of tomorrow, maintaining safe and welcoming schools, practicing transparent and fiscally responsible budgeting, supporting and retaining outstanding educators, and building strong partnerships with parents and our community.

My commitment to education and public service has been a constant throughout my life. While my sons attended Capistrano Unified schools, I volunteered with the PTA and was elected to school site councils, where I reviewed school budgets and helped align financial resources with student achievement.

I helped lead the successful transformation of Carl Hankey School from a K-5 campus into Orange County's first K-8 International Baccalaureate World School and helped establish the CHIEF Foundation, which continues to support students today. I also had the privilege of serving as Chair of the Capistrano Unified Facilities and Finance Advisory Committee for five years, gaining valuable experience in district budgeting, long-range planning, and school safety.

My community service includes serving as President of the Mission Viejo Community Services Commission, the Long Beach Parks and Recreation Commission, the California Association of Park and Recreation Commissioners and Board Members, and the Pacific Water Quality Association. Today, I continue serving youth and families as Area Director for AYSO Area 11L after 29 years as a volunteer referee and youth sports leader.

My wife, Janice, and I have been married for 43 years and raised our two sons in Capistrano Unified schools. Today, we are proud grandparents watching the next generation grow up in our community. I earned a bachelor's degree from California State University, Long Beach, proudly served in the U.S. Army, and retired after more than 34 years from Morton Salt. As a District Manager with Morton Salt, I led teams, managed budgets, and was responsible for financial accountability.

I would be honored to earn your vote and the opportunity to serve our students, families, educators, and community.