

MICHELLE MURPHY**AGE: 54**

Newport-Mesa Unified School District Trustee, Area 2

As your elected Trustee and current Vice President of the Board, I have worked to make our public schools the first choice for local families. Parent of an 11th and 8th grader who have been attending Newport-Mesa schools, I see firsthand the academic, social, and emotional challenges families are navigating today. Students need thoughtful leaders who are willing to tackle complex problems and ensure they are educated and cared for in safe and welcoming spaces.

Our family has called College Park home for more than 20 years, volunteering with CMLL, flag football and Costa Mesa High School drama and choir programs. A proud product of public schools myself, I earned a master's degree in social work from USC and lead public affairs at United Way, where I advocate every day to improve the lives of Orange County residents. I have served our community in the following roles:

Member, OC Fair and Event Center Board of Directors
Vice President, Costa Mesa High School Foundation
Commissioner, Costa Mesa Parks and Community Services
President, Kaiser-Woodland Parent Faculty Organization

At Newport-Mesa, I have focused on improving educational outcomes for all students while making progress in district-wide community engagement, infrastructure, safety, and fiscal responsibility. My accomplishments include:

Educational Excellence: Ensured the math curriculum is aligned through K - 12th, creating a stronger pathway for college and career readiness. Implemented a new reading curriculum that has already shown positive results, increasing STAR Reading growth by more than 10 points in some schools.

Facilities: Voted for the first-ever Facilities Master Plan, making infrastructure decisions more proactive and helping avoid wasteful spending. Advocated for expanding the construction of additional shade structures and new playground equipment across our campuses.

Safety: Supported integrated security systems on all campuses and voted for a strong cell phone policy. Backed the county's first ban on e-bikes and e-motos for K - 8 students along with a requirement that students complete an E-bike/bicycle safety training program.

Fiscal Stewardship: Ensured NMUSD remains fiscally strong with a Moody's Aa1 bond rating. Our reserves exceed the state required minimum, and our budget reflects our values by putting our students first without compromising educational quality.

I am proud to be endorsed by a bipartisan coalition of parents, teachers and community leaders. My record reflects my commitment to putting students and families first while considering all perspectives before making decisions.

Respectfully, I ask for your vote.

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