

GRACE DAÑINO HICKOK**AGE: 61**

Spanish Teacher/Businesswoman

I am running for the Newport-Mesa Unified School District Board of Education to advocate for student achievement, support our outstanding teachers, and strengthen the partnership between schools and families. I will work to ensure parents have access to the information, resources, and opportunities they need to actively support their children's education.

As a bilingual member of our community, I will help expand meaningful engagement with families who have historically faced challenges accessing school resources due to language barriers, while celebrating the diverse cultures and experiences that make NMUSD stronger.

I believe every child deserves excellent educational opportunities and every family deserves to feel connected, respected, and empowered. I would be honored to bring my experience as an educator, business owner, and Spanish-speaking community leader to the NMUSD Board of Education."

I have dedicated my career to connecting people through language and education.

My priorities are

To help children achieve their career and college dreams.

Provide excellent programs in math, science, technology and the arts

provide every student and every family with the opportunity to fully participate and succeed.

As a bilingual educator, entrepreneur, and proud immigrant from Lima, Peru, I have experienced first hand the power of language, education, and community.

Kindly,

Grace Dañino Hickok