

SARA J. PELLY**AGE: 61**

Governing Board Member, Orange Unified School District, Trustee Area 4

I was an elementary school teacher and principal for 34 years, I know what it takes to help our students succeed both today and tomorrow. I am a champion for public education who works with parents, teachers, and the community. As your school board member, I find common ground, build trust, and form strong partnerships to move our schools forward. Building these relationships is exactly why I have the endorsement of all of my fellow Orange Unified board members, our classroom teachers, and 4 out of 5 Villa Park City Council members, the city where I live.

I believe every child deserves a world-class education, and am committed to providing a variety of programs to serve the unique needs of each student. It is critical that we start our young learners on the right path, and continue to provide learning opportunities as unique as our students. I'm proud of Orange Unified's extensive Career Readiness programs for students who are not university-bound as well as a broad range of Advanced Placement classes. As a former principal, I understand the complexities of implementing innovative programs.

My priorities are:

Updated Facilities - Every student deserves a safe, modern, and welcoming place to learn. This year I voted to approve a \$40 million dollar investment in facilities improvements to our elementary schools.

Resource Allocation - A true commitment to students means directing every dollar where it matters most - into the classroom. I have a unique perspective as the only board member with elementary classroom experience, and I successfully grew OUSD's award winning Mandarin Immersion program. Using my four decades of diverse expertise, I am able to navigate complex educational issues. I know where to send your tax dollars for maximum benefit. By ensuring thoughtful distribution of resources, I will continue to safeguard fiscal responsibility.

Fiscal Responsibility and Transparency - Taxpayers deserve to know how funds are used and to see clear benefits for students. I am also dedicated to bringing renewed focus on accountability and student outcomes, so that every decision we make reflects what matters most - our students.

I hope you'll stand with me in protecting our district, maintaining stability on our board, and continuing the upward trend of success. Together, we can build a future where every child is supported, every classroom thrives, and our community benefits.

I would be honored to have your vote.

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