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GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER**

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I am announcing my candidacy for the Irvine School Board. I have a Bachelors Degree from California State Long Beach and a Masters Degree from Loyola Marymount University.

It is my belief that the school system puts too much emphasis on testing. Instead, the focus should be on a child's learning style and providing an environment for them to be expressive and creative. We should foster our children's imaginations and self-expression by reintroducing the arts into the curriculum and making this a priority. It is fundamental to our children's sense of self to have a positive experience of learning and to develop a love of learning that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

We must budget wisely to keep our schools open, to keep our teachers fairly compensated and to create the best curriculum for all our students. We need to utilize grants and stop wasteful spending. Parents who know their children and their children's needs the most should be respected and heard. It is time to improve our children's education and give them the best foundation for a bright and successful future.

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