

THERESA O'HARE
LAGUNA BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER

I have lived in Laguna Beach for over twenty years, fifteen of them spent in Laguna's classrooms helping my children and their classmates. I have been fortunate to contribute in so many roles:

SchoolPower Endowment President and Board Member; President, Laguna Beach Schools Performing Arts Boosters; Co-Chair, Laguna Beach School Bond Committee; School Bond Oversight Committee;

Site Council Member, Top of The World Elementary School, Thurston Middle School and Laguna Beach High School; Co-Chair, Laguna Beach High School Drug and Alcohol Committee; PTA Council; PTA Top of The World Elementary School, Thurston Middle School and Laguna Beach High School;

Catechist, Altar Service Coordinator, St. Catherine of Siena Church; Committee Chair, Laguna Beach Boy Scout Troop 35; Co-Chair, City of Laguna Beach Explorer Task Force;

Classroom Volunteer, Top of The World Elementary School, Thurston Middle School, Laguna Beach High School; Team "Mom," T-Ball, Soccer, Baseball, Roller Hockey, Cross Country and Tennis;

Instructor, Santa Ana College

I will bring both a broad perspective and an in-depth understanding to the task of governing our school district. I have forged relationships with nearly every teacher, administrator and student group, which will help me better understand the needs of our stakeholders and lead more effectively. I also hope to bring a new perspective to the leadership of our district, knowing that great ideas often come from outside the boardroom.

Our engine for success is people - especially our dedicated teachers and administrators. I am committed to strengthening opportunities for excellence of students at every level, in the classroom, on the field of play, in the studio and on the stage. Some of our key challenges are:

To manage our budget - as we depend upon property taxes, we need to save wisely during good times in order to prepare for difficult days.

To achieve variety and depth in our course offerings and explore new programs such as elementary foreign language instruction and High School International Baccalaureate;

To recruit and retain gifted teachers and administrators;

To listen to teachers, parents, students and the community at large

Please join me as I work to carry out the mission of our Laguna Beach schools: to maximize the potential of each student to learn and make a positive contribution to our community, country and world.