

**MELISSA TAYLOR SMITH  
ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER  
TRUSTEE AREA 1**

I was elected as trustee for the Orange Unified School District in 2001 and I've served as a member and President with distinction as part of the sweeping changes in leadership of our school board. I'm proud of restoring excellence to our Orange Unified schools.

My goal was to lead our schools and students to higher academic and personal achievement by retaining and recruiting qualified teachers, increasing community partnerships and establishing solid working relationships with all stakeholders.

Our students are now meeting and exceeding their academic goals and test scores continue to rise. Our highly qualified teachers are remaining in our school district. I'm proud that stability has been restored through cooperation and a commitment to serving the public.

As a trustee I made sure that OUSD remained fiscally responsible while maintaining our educational programs and classroom integrity. Each year we have operated with a balanced budget.

In the next four years I look forward to leading this district in offering the finest education to our students. I will work hard to bring excellence to our schools so our students are well prepared to meet the challenges of a 21st century global economy.

Melissa Taylor Smith - experience, excellence, leadership, integrity.

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