JOHN PALACIO SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER

Occupation: Consultant/Governing Board Member

Age: 53

I am a member of the Elks and former member of the Rotary and Lions Clubs. I was active with the boy scouts, little league and working with developmentally disabled youth. I have helped raise funds for charities, scholarships and school programs.

As a school board member, I have made a difference in reducing school over-crowding, improving test scores and teaching students to learn English:

\$462,000,000 was spent on building 6 new schools, modernizing 20 schools for computer technology and expanding 4 schools. Added 688 new classrooms

Approved 6 new charter schools to give parents choice, including a partnership with the Chamber of Commerce.

Built two fundamental high schools. Tripled the number of students attending fundamental schools.

Increased the number of high school graduates.

Implemented a Comprehensive College Preparation Program.

Increased reading/math test scores at all grade levels for the past 8 years. Increased English instructional hours at all grade levels.

Increased the number of students attending pre-school, summer school, after-school and weekend tutoring programs.

Increased the number of counseling/special education staff

My children graduated from Santa Ana schools. Endorsed by: Santa Ana Educators' Association, Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez. Contact me: Jpalacio@pacbell.net

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