

**SADDLEBACK VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER**

NAME: DON SEDGWICK

OCCUPATION: Governing Board Member, Saddleback Valley
Unified School District

In recent years, our Saddleback students consistently have ranked near the top in the nation, achieving high marks in academics, music, and athletics. We are undergoing a "state-of-the-art" facilities improvement program that is the most comprehensive our district has ever experienced. SVUSD was awarded more "Distinguished School" awards than any district (of like size) in the state. Ninety percent of our kids attend college.

Our recipe? Recruit, train, and compensate the finest teachers, heavily involving parents and community. Provide our students and teachers with a safe, nurturing environment, utilizing the latest technology, while encouraging creativity through a balanced, yet rigorous curriculum. The basics are mastered, while greater depth is rewarded.

Despite challenging state budget pressure, I will work for smaller class sizes, and will keep cuts away from the classroom, protecting our kids and their learning. We must identify what constitutes our "core offering" in this district, and strictly protect those things from cutbacks.

We must continue to raise our standards, preparing our students to succeed in a global economy. We must adapt our instruction to a changing world. We must work to produce quality citizens of the highest integrity and character, well-prepared to improve our world and community.