

**2022 Saddleback Valley USD Board of Education
Candidate Information Sheet**

Name: Dan Walsh

Profession: Teacher, Saddleback College

Education Background: BA, MA Geography, CSU Fullerton

School Committees/Volunteer Positions:

Montevideo Elementary: Classroom volunteer, field trip chaperone

Saddleback College: District Board Policy committee, College Council, Academic Senate (past-President), Geography Department Chair, Chancellor's Council, statewide coordinator for Geography transfer curriculum

Government Experience (Elected office, appointed positions, etc.)

N/A

Organizations (please specify if PTA member):

Member Los Alisos PTA

Children's ages, how and where they are (were) educated:

Age 13, Montevideo Elementary & Los Alisos Intermediate

Why are you running for SVUSD School Board? Why are you qualified?

I would be the only trustee with a child at a district school and have a vested interest in student success. I wanted to step up and support our students. I have the background in Academic leadership, working with district leadership, familiarity with EdCode, and running a Brown Act meeting.

What do you think are the biggest challenges facing SVUSD right now and what are your plans to address these challenges?

- 1) School Safety: Enhance school physical safety as well as provide mental health and counseling resources.
- 2) Recovering from the Covid education gap. Identify where the needs are and focus resources on those students.

How will you prioritize the use of finite SVUSD resources?

Safety for our students (identified in previous question) and focused on the classroom. Provide the resources needed for the students and teachers to be successful. Examples include ongoing funding for smaller class sizes, additional classroom aides, & curriculum materials.