

HELLO

I'M LOUIS PUGLIESE, CANDIDATE FOR THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD SEAT NUMBER 6.

I'M RUNNING IN THIS ELECTION BECAUSE I BELIEVE THE DISTRICT HAS LOST SIGHT OF THE REAL PRIORITIES IN OUR SCHOOLS - THOSE ARE- THE PARENTS, THE STUDENTS, AND THEIR TEACHERS.

AS AN EDUCATOR AND CLASSROOM TEACHER, I AM SADDENED AT HOW LITTLE DIALOGUE THERE IS ABOUT HOW TO IMPROVE LEARNING- IN THE CLASSROOM- AND HOW BEST TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF OUR STUDENTS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND THEIR TEACHERS, WHO ARE INCREASINGLY SHACKLED BY TOP DOWN MANDATES AND LACK OF RESOURCES AT THE SCHOOLS.

AS A BOARD MEMBER, I WILL GUIDE THE DIALOGUE TO THE REAL ISSUE THAT WE MUST DEAL WITH AS A CARING COMMUNITY- AND THAT IS- STUDENT MOTIVATION.

THE SHEER NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO DROPOUT AND DO NOT GET A DIPLOMA OR PREPARATION FOR A CAREER -IS DISGRACEFUL. THE PARENT DISSATISFACTION AND OFTENTIMES CONFUSION WITH THE SYSTEM IS UNACCEPTABLE. AND THAT WE CONTINUE TO FAIL OUR MOST AT RISK STUDENTS IS DOWNRIGHT SHAMEFUL.

SOME HAVE CALLED THE STATE OF OUR SCHOOLS A SOCIAL DISASTER.

BUT BEFORE WE LET THE SPECIAL INTERESTS, THE CONTRACTORS AND THE POLITICIANS DECIDE -ON THEIR OWN- WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR SCHOOLS - SHOULDN'T YOU- THE PARENTS, THE TAXPAYERS ALONG WITH TEACHERS, HAVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE?

IF ELECTED, I WILL ESTABLISH A PERMANENT PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD- SOMETHING SURPRISINGLY- WE DO NOT HAVE NOW.

I WILL FIGHT THE "ONE SIZE FITS ALL" MENTALITY AND ENSURE THAT THERE ARE CHOICES FOR OUR FAMILIES AND MULTIPLE PATHS FOR OUR STUDENTS TO GRADUATE.

AND I WILL OPEN OUR CAMPUSES TO THE COMMUNITY FOR JOINT USES, GREEN SPACES AND MOST IMPORTANTLY- EXPANDED PARENT SUPPORT AND TUTORING IN THE CLASSROOM.

THE TIME FOR A CHANGE IS NOW.

WHILE OTHERS MAY DELAY IMPROVING OUR SCHOOLS BECAUSE OF DEPLORABLE BUDGET CUTS OR LACK OF FUNDING- I WILL BE OUT FRONT WITH IDEAS THAT TAKE LITTLE MONEY- BUT LOTS OF INNOVATION, DEDICATION, AND COMPASSION.

WE CANNOT WAIT ANY LONGER WHILE OUR KIDS ARE SHORTCHANGED AND OUR FAMILIES MUST STAND BY HELPLESSLY.

I'M LOUIS PUGLIESE- A REAL TEACHER- FOR A CHANGE.

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THANK YOU.