

Dear fellow educator:

First and foremost, I want to thank you for your trust and for giving me the opportunity to serve on the Edison Board of Education. I respectfully request your support as I run for re-election this year and your support for my teammates **Harish Verma** and **Dr. Yuna Chen**. We are making progress and by electing our entire team, you can ensure that we will address the needs of students, taxpayers, and educators in our district.

This year, I co-chaired the Overcrowding Taskforce. The goals of that taskforce included alleviating the severe overcrowding of our schools, decreasing the student to teacher ratio, and finding resources to reinstate a full day kindergarten program. The taskforce will be issuing recommendations by the end of the year.

The Board is also finding novel ways to re-direct funding to the classroom. We are identifying fraud, waste and abuse in the system and dedicating the money we find towards providing our educators the resources they need. So far this year, we have managed to save nearly \$4 million without cutting a dime from our educators.

We are also doubling our efforts to retain our educators, who are among the best in the state. Since being elected we have been holding administrators accountable and hiring new administrators, including a new Superintendent, who understands the importance of consulting with educators to develop the curriculum. We are committed to giving our educators flexibility to educate our children in contrast to a rigid curriculum. This includes advocating for the sensible use of technology.

We are also working on a number of other important issues including school security, fair funding from the state, and improving working conditions. On each of these issues, **Mr. Verma, Dr. Chen, and I** will incorporate the ideas and opinions of our educators. We understand the importance working together and listening to the stakeholders.

In order to continue the progress we are making, we need Board members that share a common vision and common goals. **Mr. Verma, Dr. Chen, and I** will bring the experience and resources needed to move our District forward. For these reasons, I ask that you vote for **Column K** - The Student & Taxpayer Advocates.

Very truly yours,
Ralph Errico