

VOTE November 6

Colleen Sullivan

*“Quality Education
Begins With
Quality Teachers”*



San Mateo - Foster City School Board



With the experience of thousands of volunteer hours in our schools, Colleen has a unique knowledge of the issues facing our district.

To benefit all children, Colleen will work to:

- ✓ Retain quality teachers
- ✓ Improve communications and partnership throughout the school community
- ✓ Seek creative solutions for financial issues
- ✓ Close the achievement gap for all students

The Importance of Teachers

Colleen believes that the district has changed from a desirable, positive work environment (despite lower pay) to one that cannot retain many of its best teachers. She believes that for the district to close the achievement gap and for our children to obtain a quality education while becoming responsible citizens, we must retain quality teachers in our classrooms.

An Opportunity for Change

Colleen will build a more positive relationship between the administration and the teachers that will be based on more than salaries and benefits. Mutual respect, trust, open communication and cooperation must be cultivated for the children of the district to receive the quality education they deserve. The strong API scores achieved by district students were made possible by the work of quality teachers. Colleen will ensure that teachers are recognized and respected for these results, and for all their efforts in helping our children learn.

Responsible Decision-Making

Colleen will work to make the school board's decision-making process more transparent and include stronger community input. There must be an independent fiscal advisory board to ensure that the board, district management, school staff, and the community all understand the financial status of our district. This is the only way that our district can make the decisions necessary to fulfill its promise to our kids – a quality education for all.

Uniquely Qualified

Colleen's approach balances a strong financial background, sound judgment, and the caring and understanding of the "human" issues that affect teachers' careers. She has been an actuary, worked in information technology and is a former math teacher.

Ongoing Community Action

Colleen regularly attends board meetings and has met with all current board members and the Superintendent to increase her understanding of the challenges facing our district. She has served as PTA President for 2 years, on PTA Council, and as Art-in-Action Coordinator for the past 4 years. She provided more than 1,500 volunteer hours to the district in the past school year, and continues to serve the school community. Colleen was an original member of the Proposition 98 Parent Action Committee and is an AYSO volunteer. She is married with two children who will continue in the district for the next 7 years.



Education / Residency

B.A. in Mathematics - Carleton College

Secondary Teaching Credential - University of Michigan

San Mateo resident 1993 to present

Foster City resident 1991 to 1993

Join the Community of Colleen's Supporters

Colleen is supported by civic leaders, parents, teachers, and residents of the San Mateo - Foster City community.

Colleen's endorsements include:

- The San Mateo County Democratic Party
- Cathy Rincon - SMFC School Board Member
- Memo Morantes - San Mateo County Board of Education Member
- Peter Hanley - San Mateo Union High School District Board Member
- Phyllis Moore - Former SMFC School Board Member
- Fred Leonard - Former San Mateo County Board of Education Member

... and hundreds of concerned voters like you!



We can restore excellence to the
San Mateo - Foster City School District
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