

SUSAN DAVIS

Bio

I'm Susan Davis, a retired EGUSD School Secretary with 24 years of service and a longtime labor leader. Almost 40 years ago, my husband Earl and I settled in California after his time in the Air Force. Having grown up in a military family, I moved all over the world, which taught me the value of understanding diverse perspectives.

As a mother of four, grandmother of six, and a great grandmother of two, I've seen the education system through many lenses. My son, who had special education needs, graduated with honors, and this inspired me to champion special education. My daughters also thrived in EGUSD, taking part in programs like Independent Studies and Continuation School, so I've experienced the district's range of educational opportunities firsthand.

In addition to my work in the district, I've been deeply involved in the community, leading the Florin Girls Softball League for over 10 years and supporting the American Heart Association. As a labor leader, I've spent years advocating for classified staff, ensuring they receive the recognition and support they deserve.

I'm committed to building a more inclusive, collaborative environment for both students and staff. I continue to be inspired by the strength of our community, and I'm ready to keep working for its success.

Why are you running?

As a candidate for the school board, I bring decades of experience in the Elk Grove Unified School District, having served as a school secretary, union leader, and parent/grandparent. My diverse background gives me insight into the district's inner workings, from administration and education to labor relations. I've spent years advocating for students and employees, focusing on collaboration to create meaningful change.

As a union leader, I developed strong negotiation and communication skills, bringing people together to find common ground. I believe in proactive problem-solving and

always strive for solutions that benefit everyone. Whether it's advocating for fair compensation, better working conditions, or improved resources for students, I'm committed to making a positive impact.

Inclusivity is a core value of mine. Having experienced the importance of diversity in both my personal and professional life, I'm dedicated to ensuring all voices are heard, especially in special education and culturally diverse communities.

Transparency and accountability are essential to me, and I will work to keep the public informed about decisions affecting our students. I'm running because I care deeply about the future of our students, employees, and schools, and I'm ready to collaborate to build a stronger district.

What are your priorities?

My commitment to inclusivity, collaboration, and transparency drives my vision for the board. I aim to restore civility and cooperation, working across the aisle to build consensus for the benefit of students, families, and employees. By being a voice for certificated and classified labor and advocating for the introduction of trades into high schools, I am determined to elevate the educational experience, from academic readiness to vocational opportunities. I will seek to involve the community, recognizing that meaningful progress requires active participation and open communication with all stakeholders. I will advocate for equitable resources and opportunities to ensure all students succeed. Our educators and staff are the backbone of our schools, and I am committed to providing them with the support, resources, and compensation they need.

I will work to promote inclusivity, mental health support, and safety for all students. I will strengthen the partnership between schools, families, and the community to foster shared responsibility and mutual respect. My desire to enhance college and career readiness, address staffing shortages, and ensure equitable access to facilities reflects my passion for improving the educational environment, particularly as students still recover from the impact of the COVID-19 crisis.