# 2024 Saddleback Valley USD Board of Education Candidate Information Sheet

Name: Scott Miller Profession: Retired

## **Education Background:**

Associates of Science: University of California Riverside, Excelsior College, MT San Jacinto College, Riverside Community College, San Bernardino Community College, Community College of The Air Force, College of Marin. Areas of Study: Computer Science & Information Security, Business Management, Aviation Technology.

## **School Committees/Volunteer Positions:**

School District Superintendent Executive Advisory Committee Student of The Month Award Speaker

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

- Laguna Hills Commissioner
- County of Riverside, Information Security Officer/Technology Services
- City of San Jacinto, California, Mayor/Council Member
- Western Riverside Council of Governments, Board Member
- Western Riverside County Conservation Authority, Chairman
- Riverside County Transportation Commission, Commissioner
- Riverside Transportation Authority, Board Member
- United States Mayors Conference Transportation Committee Member
- United States Mayors Conference Presidential Policy Committee Member
- Presidential Campaign Chair SoWest District Riverside County
- Moving Veterans Forward Foundation Public Spokesman

#### Organizations (please specify if PTA member):

Destiny Rescue, working in Cambodia & Thailand rescuing young children out of human Trafficking.

Saddleback Humanitarian Outreach, working in Poland, supporting Ukrainian War Refugees.

Saddleback Church, during COVID, delivered over a million meals, 6 days a week to needy Orange County Families.

SoCal Network, Humanitarian Outreach to poverty stricken areas, worked in Nicaragua and Bangladesh.

Lions Club, managed eyeglass clinics in South America, and Israel.

**Children's ages, how and where they are (were) educated:** I have 6 children, ages 20 - 46 (some are step children), all educated in California public schools.

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Please answer each of the following in 50 words or less each. We reserve the right to edit to maintain the 50 word limit.

Why are you running for SVUSD School Board? Why are you qualified? I know that without a quality education, our kids will not be successful nor reach their potential. We must ensure that our children have the skills and knowledge to compete for well paying careers in a global market. I am qualified to help lead the school district because of my extensive experience as a publicly elected official and I am ready to hit the ground running and serve the district from day one.

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

- 1. Declining Enrollment
  - a. We must increase our enrollment by raising the quality of classrooms, sports programs and college recruitment, career counseling programs and showing that our students are testing at higher success levels.
- 2. Looking at a map, the district is too widely spread out making campus resource sharing and logistics a challenge.
- 3. There needs to be a better understanding of district needs.
  - a. Teachers should not have to go without the tools or equipment they need to educate students.

#### How will you prioritize the use of finite SVUSD resources?

- 1. Classroom needs.
- 2. Career and Personal Counseling, Kids must have a safe place to say what is happening to them. Students must have help with understanding their educational opportunities moving forward.
- 3. Facility upgrading. Start with older buildings and work to the newer ones, buildings must be safe and clean. I would seek additional resources in Sacramento and Washington DC, there are tax dollars available but you only get them if you go and pursue them.