

**2024 Saddleback Valley USD Board of Education
Candidate Information Sheet**

Name: Michael Stannard

Profession: Business Owner: Marketing Services

Education Background:

- Don Bosco Technical Institute / California State University, Fullerton, Business / Marketing

School Committees/Volunteer Positions:

- VP Administration, 2007-2010, El Toro Instrumental Music & Pageantry Board

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

- Lake Forest Planning Commission

Organizations (please specify if PTA member):

Over the 27 years I had children in the district, my wife and/or I were members of the Foothill Ranch Elementary, Rancho Canada Elementary, Serrano Intermediate, and El Toro High PTAs.

Children's ages, how and where they are (were) educated:

- Age 33 — Glen Yermo Elementary, Rancho Canada Elementary, Serrano Intermediate, El Toro High
- Age 32 — Foothill Ranch Elementary, Serrano Intermediate, El Toro High
- Age 30 — Rancho Canada Elementary, Serrano Intermediate, El Toro High, Saddleback Valley Christian
- Age 16 — Rancho Canada Elementary, Serrano Intermediate, El Toro High, Crean Lutheran

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'm running to improve academic excellence and ensure a quality education for all students. As a parent and business owner with strong problem-solving and management skills, I bring experience and a fresh perspective to addressing challenges like learning loss, while supporting parental authority, and ensuring responsible use of financial resources.

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

Two main district challenges are academic success and fiscal management. I support bolstering foundational skills to address learning loss, teaching to diverse student needs, expanding career technical education, ensuring safe and effective learning environments, and strengthening parental involvement. Fiscal oversight will help direct resources toward impactful programs that enhance learning.

How will you prioritize the use of finite SVUSD resources?

In allocating the district's finite resources, I'll advocate for strong fiscal management by supporting initiatives such as regular audits, budget-conscious, value-driven contracts, and vendor re-negotiations when necessary. I'll collaborate with stakeholders and make data-driven decisions to prioritize impactful initiatives, ensuring resources are directed toward instruction to maximize our students' success.