

Why I Support Nancy Magee

One of the most competitive races this election season is for San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools.

[Nancy Magee](#) stands out for me because, unlike her opponent, she was a classroom teacher for 20 years before joining the county Office of Education as associate superintendent. The two candidates have very different leadership styles. Nancy gets out into the community, listens to people, and considers their input when crafting solutions.

“I’m not running because I want a fancy title,” she says. “I want to do the work!”

Everything Nancy does is focused on student well-being and success. Her priorities include:

- **School safety.** Nancy brought county leaders and community members together after the Newtown tragedy to create the Big Five, a set of emergency response and lockdown protocols that every school and all law enforcement agencies in San Mateo County follow.
- **Mental health services.** Nancy developed a Safe and Supportive Schools department that provides districts with guidance and expertise in mental health to support students, including a suicide prevention toolkit.
- **High-quality early learning.** Nancy has augmented early-learning support to ensure that all children, even our most at-risk youths, have the benefit of a strong education during the formative years of pre-kindergarten through third grade.
- **Career education for the 21st century.** Nancy is working to ensure that every student, whether attending college or not, has the education and skills needed to be successful in today’s high-tech world.

Nancy has been endorsed by the [Daily Post](#) and the [Daily Journal](#), as well as hundreds of government, school, and community leaders. You can learn more about Nancy on her website at vote4nancy.org.

At a time like this, when school safety and mental health issues are being hotly debated, we would greatly benefit from Nancy’s community-based problem-solving skills. I hope you will join me in supporting [Nancy Magee](#) for **County Superintendent of Schools** in the **June 5** election.

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Former Mayor, Burlingame