

Statement of **WYNN HAUSSER**, Candidate for  
**Governing Board Member, Palo Alto Unified School District**

**Occupation:** Director of Communication

**Age:** 48

**Education and Qualifications:**

MA, Stanford University, BS, Northwestern University

I'm running for School Board because I feel a responsibility to serve the community by bringing my experience, leadership abilities and ideas to the district at this crucial time.

With a new superintendent, PAUSD is about to write its next chapter. Opportunities and challenges lie ahead. More students entering the district will demand more space. Supporting new and bold ideas will require long range planning and managing resources carefully.

Are we prepared? Our school community has become splintered by contentious debates, administrative and management conflicts, and poor communication and processes. To build on our past success, we need to rebuild relationships and a sense of trust among the board, administration, staff, parents, and public. Electing strong new board members is critical to that task.

I am well-prepared for this role. As a parent in a family with two working professionals and two school-aged children in the district, I know how board decisions translate to schools, classrooms, teachers, and students. As a communication professional, I know how to frame issues and bring people together. My "day job" includes a focus on state education policy. And, after 24 years living in Palo Alto, I know what the community expects and how it works.

I've volunteered in our schools and my religious community. I've served in government and on nonprofit boards. I've addressed youth issues and worked directly with kids. Some examples of these roles:

Palo Alto Human Relations Commissioner (2 years as Chair)

Committee member recommending grants to City Council

Palo Alto Community Child Care board member (PACCC)

Palo Alto Little League board member

Youth baseball manager, basketball coach, soccer referee

Chamber of Commerce Leadership Palo Alto program graduate

My top priorities: 1) Support academic and enrichment programs benefiting all students based on their needs; 2) Make decisions based on long-term planning and strategic priorities, emphasizing financial stability and oversight; 3) Take a lead role in seeing that the social and emotional well-being of students, teachers and administrators are given much-needed attention.

In addition, I pledge to build positive relationships with other district leaders and work diligently to restore accountability, transparency, and effective decision-making to the board.

Please join me in making sure the next chapter in PAUSD is one that makes us proud, by trusting me with your confidence and vote. Our children deserve nothing less. Thank you.