

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Dear Faith, Candidate for CVUSD Area #4,

I recently visited your campaign website and was glad to support your campaign with a small donation of \$1.

I have since taken the time to read your comments on several important issues facing CVUSD. I appreciate that you have addressed these topics, but I have to admit that many of your answers seem to leave the most important questions unanswered.

I hope you will clarify your positions on the following:

1. Academic Standards and Grading

You write: "When a grading policy creates significant concern among teachers, students, and families, it deserves thoughtful evaluation."

Will you vote to repeal proportional grading?

The district has been "thoughtfully evaluating" this issue for more than a year. At some point, evaluation needs to lead to a decision.

2. Advanced Coursework and Pathways

You write: "If demand exceeds capacity, we should explore expanding sections."

Will you vote to spend the money necessary to expand AP sections?

Students who need these courses cannot wait while the district continues to "explore" the problem. They need access to these classes now, particularly when those courses can help prepare them for college.

3. Early Support for Struggling Students

You write: "We should use data to identify learning gaps ... Our goal should be to identify struggling students as early as elementary school."

With all due respect, I think this misses an important part of the problem. When a student reaches the later grades without mastering fundamental skills, we need to ask how that happened in the first place.

The most immediate sources of information about a child's progress are the people who know the child best: the teacher and the parents. What specifically would you change to make sure students are not simply passed along when they have not mastered the material?

4. Enrollment and Inter-District Transfers

You write that CVUSD should: “maintain enrollment and funding as many neighboring districts experience declining student populations.”

Do you support maintaining or increasing inter-district transfers as a way of generating revenue for CVUSD?

If so, do you support using bond-funded facilities—including adding second stories to elementary schools—to accommodate those students?

I think voters deserve a straightforward answer about whether the district's enrollment and financial policies are designed primarily around educational need or maintaining revenue and staffing levels.

5. Facilities Planning and Bond Funding

You write: “I also believe we asked too much of the community and should have pursued a lower bond amount.”

I agree that this deserves a closer look.

Will you support finding out why the district spent approximately \$266,000 on consultants and nevertheless proceeded with a bond measure that apparently had such a poor chance of passing?

Who made the recommendations, what did the consultants tell the district, and what did we actually receive for that \$266,000?

6. Safe and Supportive Schools

You write: “I would support an annual School Safety Accountability Report.”

That's certainly something the public can read—but my question is much simpler:

Do you support school resource officers (SROs)?

Please give us a yes or no. I don't think another report is an adequate substitute for a position on school safety.

7. Supporting Teachers, Staff, and Fair Processes

You write: “I support reviewing personnel transfer procedures with our labor partners while respecting negotiated collective bargaining agreements.”

Do you support the teachers or the administrators in cases where you believe a teacher has been treated unfairly?

And specifically, would you support reviewing what happened to the two teachers who were pushed out of Marshall Elementary?

I understand that personnel matters can be complicated, but voters need to know what principles you would bring to the board. Please tell us plainly where you stand.

8. Transparency and Public Trust

You write: “Even when people disagree with a decision, they deserve to know their voices were heard and considered.”

I agree completely.

But transparency requires more than acknowledging that people have opinions. It requires candidates to tell voters what they themselves believe and how they would vote.

At this point, I have read your positions carefully, but I still don't know how you would actually vote on several of these issues. That makes it difficult for someone who supported your campaign—even with my modest \$1 contribution—to understand what they are supporting.

I would genuinely appreciate straightforward answers to these questions. You have taken the time to identify the issues, so I hope you will also take the next step and tell voters where you stand.

I look forward to your clarification.

Best regards,

Joseph Grcar
Candidate for CVUSD Area #4