

## Candidate Statement - Michael Shulman, SVUSD School Board

I came to Scotts Valley in 1986, served in Scotts Valley City government from 1991 - 2008, and then on the Scotts Valley School Board since 2008. My kids graduated from Scotts Valley High School in 2015 and 2018. I'm a strong advocate for public education and it has been an honor to help lead this consistently high performing District.

Good local governance is important for sustaining the high quality of life here in Scotts Valley. My priority on the Board has always been the well-being of students and staff. My experience can keep us focused on what matters, achieve best outcomes, and reduce conflicts.

School boards hire and direct the Superintendent and must work effectively with one another to meet community needs. I have worked with several highly competent superintendents and have contributed to consistently civil and effective governing boards. We have avoided the turmoil that has roiled school boards across America.

These are uncertain times and Scotts Valley schools remain vulnerable to circumstances outside our control. My promise is to stay focused on providing the best educational experience for our kids and the best working conditions for our staff. I offer stable and experienced leadership to help us through the challenges that lie ahead.