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My name is Michael (“Mike”) Picard and I began my four-year term as SGUSD Trustee in December of 2018. I truly appreciate the tremendous honor and responsibility to serve you and the children of the school.

I have adopted the 4-H Motto “To Make the Best Better” as my approach to SGUSD. Sunol Glen School is truly a gem, a one-of-a-kind place that I consider one of the best schools in the world: the best students, parents, volunteers, office and maintenance staff, superintendent, facilities, curriculum, art, drama, music, pre school, after school care - I could go on. So our job is to take the best, and (if possible!) make it even better. Together we are shaping our future leaders, work force, innovators, teachers, artists, musicians, and public officials – don’t you agree our youths deserve our very best efforts?

That being said, I challenge every student, parent, teacher, staff member, board member, and community member to never stop working together. I believe strongly in a collaborative, teamwork approach with the education and the best interests of our youths being our number one priority. (This does not mean everyone has to agree all the time!) I bring this philosophy with me after thirty-three years of public service as a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Firefighter. I retired at the rank of Battalion Chief and interim Division Chief of Operations, which provided me extensive experience with board meetings, governing boards, grant writing, budget and goal planning, personnel issues, public relations/complaints, contract negotiations, employee evaluations, and of course emergency preparedness and mitigation. As a rank and file firefighter, I was fortunate to be elected as one of our Firefighters’ Union Shop Stewards and then to position of Treasurer for many years. As a result I have experience on both the Labor and Management sides of the negotiation table, dealing with confidentiality and rights of individuals, and personnel issues. I was voted by the firefighters as San Ramon Valley Fire’s “Firefighter of the Year” in 2012, a rare honor for a manager.

My wife of twenty-two years and our sixteen year old son moved from Fremont to Sunol in 2012. My son started at Sunol Glen School as a fourth grader, graduated in 2016, and is now a sophomore in High School. We have a blended family including seven children and four grandchildren. All these kids have given me a broad perspective and experience with public and private schools, preparing our kids for high school, college, and life out in the world. I have coached kids in basketball, soccer, track & field, and cross country and volunteered countless hours from organizing Heroes Day, driving recyclables in my truck to the recycling center, to being the Sunol 4-H Club Adult Leader. On a personal note I am a three-time Ironman triathlete, manage our nineteen acre ranch, love to cook and travel, and in my spare time I play the Great Highland Bagpipes.

If we haven’t met, I look forward to meeting you and hearing your ideas on how to make the best better. If you already know me, you know I will do everything in my power to make sure your child gets the best education possible and has fun along the way!