

DEL MAR UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN FINANCIAL TASK FORCE
UNITY OF PURPOSE

Why did I choose to become part of this financial task force?

I am concerned about the cost reduction efforts and misconceptions of where we can and can't reduce costs. I would like to provide a thorough understanding of all of the options and issues to my PTA, and to ensure that all options are considered when making decisions. Add a common sense approach to the committee, and take a high balcony view of the issues and provide guidance. Looking at the bigger picture and analyzing based on data, and not emotion. There are short term issues that must be addressed, but also applying to the long term plan.

What do I want to accomplish as part of the task force?

I aim to assist in ensuring that the overall process contains thorough participation, due diligence, and transparency of issues and facts. Empirical data to support decisions is a goal, in order to ensure that clear communication takes place and miscommunications are minimized. I want to represent my community, and that of the Section 16 area, so that all views are represented. To meet the goals and deliverables set forth by the Board in the areas identified as needing to be addressed.

How do I want our task force to be perceived by our community?

As much as possible, this process needs to be perceived as representing the views of all members of the community, and needs to have clear focus. A cohesive group that clearly communicates and transparency into issues would be the ideal perception of this effort.

What legacy would I like our task force to leave?

That we made well thought out decisions that minimize the impact to our children and that don't dilute the value of the education we seek to give our children, yet address the critical budget issues in an effective manner. That we made the tough decisions that had to be made, but our community supported those decisions because we left the impression that due diligence was conducted and all options were fairly considered and all members of the community represented. That we are partners with each other at all levels, and truly are a cohesive 'community'.