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SOLANA BEACH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Julie Union Announces Retirement from Solana Beach School Board After 12 Years of Dedicated Service

Solana Beach, CA – August 20, 2024 – The Solana Beach School District (SBSD) announces the retirement of longtime board member Julie Union, who will be stepping down on September 10, 2024, after 12 years of distinguished service. Julie's departure comes as she and her husband prepare to relocate to California's Central Coast to be closer to their daughters and grandchildren.



"It is hard to put into words how meaningful serving our community has been," Union shared. "Seeing firsthand the excellence and commitment of the school board, leadership, educators, staff, and parents has been magnificent. We have accomplished a tremendous amount together, and the future is bright."

Union's tenure on the Solana Beach School Board has been marked by her unwavering dedication to student-centered education and her efforts to create opportunities for every child to succeed. She also founded the Board Collaborative, which unites board members from San Dieguito and its feeder districts to foster collaboration and learning through sharing best practices and exploring district initiatives.

In recognizing Union's remarkable contributions, SBSB Board President Dr. Debra Schade said, "Julie Union's dedication to education and our community has been truly remarkable. Over her 12 years of service on the Solana Beach School Board, she has created a legacy that will benefit our students, parents, and staff for years to come. Her passion for fostering an environment where students can thrive, succeed, and feel valued will continue to inspire us all."

In reflecting on her time with SBSD, Union expressed her appreciation for the entire school community. “SBSD will always hold a special place in my heart,” she said. “Together, we have accomplished so much, including the passage of the \$105 million general obligation bond and the launch of exciting initiatives such as environmental stewardship. The collective efforts of all educational partners have made the difference in creating a supportive and dynamic learning environment for students.”

The district will recognize the profound impact she has had during her years of service at the October 10 board meeting. Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Burks commented, “Julie’s dedication to our students and community has been truly inspiring. Her leadership and vision have been invaluable, and she will be greatly missed.”

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ABOUT THE SOLANA BEACH SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Solana Beach School District, nestled on the north coast of San Diego County, serves approximately 2,800 students. Instruction is rich, varied, and innovative. Our emphasis is on core standards instruction provided through a continuous progressive curriculum. District schools consistently rank at or near the top in district, county, and state accountability measures. Our students and schools have received numerous awards and have been recognized at county, state, and national levels for a variety of accomplishments. Working together, our mission focuses on providing a safe space where learners find their voice, share their gifts, and advance the world.

ABOUT THE SOLANA BEACH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

The Solana Beach Schools Foundation (SBSF) is a non-profit organization that helps fund inquiry-based, engaging learning opportunities in the Solana Beach School District’s weekly Discovery Lab Classes, bridging the gap between vital school needs and state funding. The vision of the SBSF is to ensure optimal educational opportunities for every student in the district.