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Respondent

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1. I have been... *

Appointed

Nominated

2. Your signature indicates your consent to be placed on the ballot and serve as a Delegate, if elected *

Jessica Spaid

3. Full name *

Jessica Lindsay Spaid

4. Region/subregion *

4D



5. Name of District or COE *

Placer Union High School District

6. Years on board *

2

7. Profession

Mother/Small Business Owner

8. Contact number *

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9. Primary email address *

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10. Are you an incumbent Delegate? *

Yes

No

11. Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly. *

I am interested in continuing to serve as a Delegate because I am committed to contributing to the decision-making processes and representing diverse perspectives within the Delegate Assembly. I bring a range of skills and experiences, including strong communication and negotiation abilities, which I have developed through my professional and volunteer experiences. Additionally, my background as a special education mom and advocate has equipped me with a deep understanding of achievement gaps, students struggles, and the ongoing pandemic learning loss, allowing me to contribute effectively to discussions and initiatives. I am eager to collaborate with others to achieve common goals and make a positive impact. As an incumbent I've learned that there is value in this work and still much to accomplish.

My most valuable contribution as a Delegate is that I am a mother of five sons, three of whom currently attend local schools. I witness the struggles and triumphs of public education day in and day out. The advocacy work with our legislature and participation in policy pillar committees is important. As a small business owner and artist, I am an expert collaborator—creative, inquisitive, and an out-of-the-box thinker—and I am passionate about finding solutions to address issues. We need unique voices representing our varying regions to advocate effectively at the Delegate Assembly, and I believe my voice adds value.

I would be honored to have your vote and to continue serving as one of your Region 4D representatives.

12. Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA. *

I am currently the Board President for the Placer Union High School District and a member of the Placer County Committee. Three of my five sons are enrolled in K12 schools, and I frequently volunteer at their schools and sports clubs. Last year, I was selected and served in CSBA's Delegate Assembly Election Committee and the Strengthening Local Governance, Policy Pillar Committee.

13. What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it? *

One of the biggest challenges facing governing boards today is managing constant attacks on local control and mandates without funding. California public schools are also experiencing record low enrollment, and student success and achievement gaps are abysmal. CSBA can address these issues by continuing to pursue legislative advocacy and offering training and resources that highlight effective practices for boards to navigate the complexities of public education to help support their districts' students with varying needs. Additionally, CSBA can organize forums and discussions for board members to exchange ideas and strategies, encouraging a collaborative approach to problem-solving.

Legislative advocacy and fair funding are essential in this context, as they directly affect a board's ability to maintain local control and support their districts' needs. By advocating for adequate funding and supportive legislation, CSBA can help ensure that governing boards have the necessary resources to make informed decisions that benefit their unique communities.