

VERNA CASTRO

Occupation: Program Administrator

As a 34 year public school educator, I have a passion and vested interest in quality schools. I am a lifelong teacher, learner and current district administrator. I will be honored to be the first Pacific Islander female on the Alameda Unified School Board.

I am grateful to my immigrant parents who arrived in Alameda in 1960, father worked at the naval base and mother was a teacher. My daughter attended K-12 public schools. I also attended K-12 public schools and higher education at USF, Stanford and UC Berkeley.

I am believer in equity and success for all students with attention to our marginalized student communities. Each student deserves the best, we must nurture their uniqueness with high standards and innovative robust programming in partnership with communities during this pandemic time.

We will support a Wellness plan for teachers and students for optimal health. Students cannot learn if they are not getting their basic needs met. It is the right thing to do.

I am a believer that teachers and staff need resources to be effective and satisfied in their job.

It's my responsibility to manage budget effectively, find creative ways to sustain and improve programs and hold our superintendent accountable.

I will listen and work collaboratively with our diverse communities as we accomplish goals in the best interest of our students.