

AL MIJARES**Orange County Superintendent of Schools**

It has been an honor to serve as your Orange County Superintendent of Schools. I have worked diligently to assure that our schools are safe from all intruders. Moreover, we have established an alliance with the Sheriffs Department, local police, and public agencies to enhance school safety and disaster preparedness for all schools. It is our vision that Orange County lead the nation in college and career readiness and success, therefore I have served with the business community and local non-profit groups to insure that a strong coalition is in place to strengthen our schools. The dropout rate is the lowest in decades, student suspensions and expulsions are down, and we have witnessed impressive academic gains, including AP participation and exams. Additionally, we have established OC Pathways, a highly recognized career tech program to help more students enter the workforce prepared to realize their dreams.

I have been a county resident for over twenty years. My wife Jackie and I have five sons who are all college graduates. I also serve as a trustee for Biola University and The College Board. As a passionate educator who has served in multiple levels of K-12 and higher education, including three superintendencies, I ask for your vote.