

Marysville Joint Unified School District Trustee Area 3

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Name: James L Carpenter
Occupation: Retired Teacher

I spent thirty-three years as a special education teacher in the Marysville Joint unified School District. In addition to preparing, presenting and grading lessons and assignments, I met annually with parents, administrators and other teachers to write individual education plans for each of my students and was responsible for the paln's implementation.

From 2013 to 2017 I supervised the American Indian Education Program, serving about 1,000 students in Yuba and Sutter Counties. We provided academic assistance and cultural enrichment activities, including two annual Pow-Wows and field trips to places like Lassen National Park, Point Reyes National Seashore, the annual Indian Education Conference and Sycamore Ranch.

Between 2000 and 2020 i spent 18 years serving on the Olivehurst Public Utility District's Board of Directors, overseeing water and wastewater services, fire protection, parks and street lighting.

From 1982 to 1987 I served as an electronics technician in the United States Air Force. From 1983 to 1986 I served in Japan helping maintain a satellite communications facility.

I have lived nearly my whole life in Olivehurst, serving my community as a teacher and OPUD director and my nation in the Air Force.

Name: Chong Yang
Occupation: Director of Data Analytics and Operations

Age: 46

Education has had a profound impact on my life. As a lifelong Yuba County resident, I grew up in West Linda and attended Cedar Lane, Alicia, and Lindhurst. I am a proud Blazer. My child attends an MJUSD school. Giving back to the community that raised me matters. I currently serve on the Board for Habitat for Humanity and am a member of the Linda Lions Club.

My college education began at Yuba College and led to earning bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees from three Northern California universities. That path led to my career as a director of data analytics at a major public university, where I use data to improve outcomes and inform decisions. I want every student to have the same opportunity to succeed.

As your Trustee, I have focused on academic excellence, fiscal responsibility, safe schools, and parental rights. Our schools should prepare students for college, careers, military service, or skilled trades. I will continue advocating for fair and equitable treatment and funding for the schools and students in our community while serving on volunteer MJUSD committees, including the LCAP Advisory Committee, and supporting programs such as Lindhurst FFA.