



# PAC Report to Rep Council

**DATE:** May 1, 2020

**COMMITTEE CHAIR:** Tim Sergent

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- **SRTA PAC and EB unanimously voted to endorse Ed Sheffield for SRCS Board.**
- Ed has been invited to address Tuesday's Rep Council meeting at 5 pm.
- PAC decided not to endorse Laurie Fong, Alex Duggan, or Alegria De La Cruz at this time.
- PAC will continue to communicate with all three candidates and decide on whether or not to endorse this fall.
- PAC completed an ABC grant (CTA PAC) for Ever Flores' campaign to the SRCS Board.
- PAC decided to increase the threshold for endorsement at Rep Council from 50% + 1 to 60%.
- **Reasons to Endorse Ed Sheffield**
- Ed believes in communication. He invites people to text him, and has given out his cell number at board meetings.
- Ed was the only board member who voted to support the "A-G Pause for a Plan" while other board members blamed us for the failed policy.
- Ed was instrumental in finding common ground and a resolution to the Kris Bertsch standoff.
- Ed has been the strongest advocate on the board for fair pay for teachers and staff.
- As a former Field Director for State Representative Jim Wood, Ed knows the political process and how to work within it to get things done.
- If Ed didn't continue and nobody ran, the Board could fill the position as they see fit without any input from our Union or the community.
- As an active parent with young children in SRCS schools, Ed sees first hand the challenges teachers face everyday.
- Endorsing Ed now sends a signal that SRTA is willing to work with school board members who are willing to work with us. SRTA, the strongest voice in the SRCS Board elections, endorses pro-teacher candidates.
- Ed comes from a multi-generational family of educators and truly values the key role teachers play in shaping our society.
- **SRTA endorsement includes:**
- a financial contribution of \$1000 from our PAC funds
- a commitment to apply for additional funds from CTA's ABC (PAC)
- asking other local labor organizations to add their endorsement
- equipping members with talking points in favor of the candidate
- encouraging members to contribute their time and energy to support our candidate
- potentially using additional PAC funds to further support the candidate

## ACTION ITEMS:

| <b>Actions</b>                                   | <b>Person Responsible</b> | <b>Date Due</b> |
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| Vote on Ed Sheffield's endorsement to SRCS Board | Rep Council               | Tuesday 5/5     |
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