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GLASKY, WALLIN FOR IRVINE SCHOOL BOARD

Incumbents have protected district's high standing.

Healthy schools are a cornerstone of a healthy community, and Irvine Unified School District frequently ranks among the best school districts in not only the state but the entire country.

The district boasts numerous honors, including California Distinguished School and Blue Ribbon School awards, both of which all four city high schools have received at least once.

That level of academic success is, in part, thanks to the steady hands guiding the school district over the years.

As parents have become accustomed to a level of success that has made the district renowned, and has made Irvine a premier destination for young families, it seems imprudent to rock the boat.

That is why these Editorial Pages feel that board incumbents Ira Glasky and Sharon Wallin are the best choices to continue the push for scholastic excellence.

Mr. Glasky was appointed in November to serve the remainder of Gavin Huntley-Fenner's term. He defeated a dubious recall in June and

now is seeking a full term.

Despite his short time on the board, his insight impressed during his Register Editorial Board interview in June and nothing we've seen since has dissuaded us. Mr. Glasky has proven himself a quick study and spoke authoritatively on a number of issues, offering sensible and principled answers on the placement of the proposed fifth high school and implementation of Common Core and local control funding.

Ms. Wallin joined the board in 2002 and has been retained by sizeable margins. While her popularity at the ballot box alone wouldn't earn her our endorsement, it certainly speaks to the admirable job she has done during her tenure.

Over the years, Ms. Wallin has put the needs of the students first and has continued to do so in what is now her third term. That was made especially clear during the recent dispute over placing the fifth high school and attempts to turn the board into a political tool. Ms. Wallin has held the line on what is best for students, which is why she and Mr. Glasky have our endorsement.

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