

# Bonnie Castrey Speaking On

### **School Vouchers: A Threat to Public Education**

## Saturday, July 16th at 2:00 pm

#### Irvine Ranch Water District<sup>1</sup> 15600 Sand Canyon Ave. (at Waterworks), Irvine, CA 92618



School vouchers undermine religious liberty, divert money to unaccountable private schools, and have repeatedly been rejected by California voters. Not only that, vouchers don't improve student performance. Join us to hear Huntington Beach Union High School District Trustee Bonnie Castrey discuss this important topic.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, 76 percent of private schools have a religious affiliation. Most of these indoctrinate as well as educate. They integrate religion throughout their curriculum and often require all students to receive religious instruction and attend religious services. Ninety percent of children attend public schools. Our educational focus should be on fully funding and improving this system, not siphoning money into private systems.

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Ms. Castrey received her Juris Doctorate Degree at Western State University College of Law in Fullerton, CA in 1992. She attained her B.S.in Nursing, Magna Cum Laude, at California State University Long Beach, CA in 1972 and her R.N. at Edward J. Meyer Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Buffalo, NY, in 1964. Ms. Castrey is an internationally recognized specialist in dispute resolution.

Since 1985, she has served her community as an elected Trustee of the Huntington Beach Union High School District. The District encompasses 3 cities and portions of 2 others, and has 6 comprehensive high schools, 1 continuation school, alternative education programs and adult education programs serving over 16,000 students. She has served eight terms as President of the Board. Bonnie has also served on the Board and as President of the Orange County School Boards Association and is currently a member of the California School Board Association's Delegate Assembly serving continuously since 1987. As a result of her work in the educational system organizations, she devotes considerable time to numerous committees for the enhancement and support of public education.

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