



“Everyone a member in ‘96 and still strong today!”



“I chose to participate in the '96 strike because a veteran teacher talked to me about the comradery of teachers and the power of working as one. I knew that going out on strike would benefit me not only with the concessions won that improved our pay and working conditions, but also being part of a corp of teachers who stood together. I held the line, but not alone! We won because our cause was just and because we stood together. Together we are one!”

Julia Knoff

**Teacher at Scripps Ranch High School and
Current SDEA Board Member**

“I chose to participate in the 1996 strike because I believed in getting respect for my job.”

Christy Jordan, with daughter Ariel today (7 months old in '96!)

Teacher at Silver Gate Elementary School



“I chose to participate in the '96 strike because our children deserve educators who are willing to sacrifice and fight for them.”

Ryan Haggins

Teacher at Ericson Elementary School

“I chose to participate in the '96 strike because my dad always said to stick with your union!”

Vivian Serrano

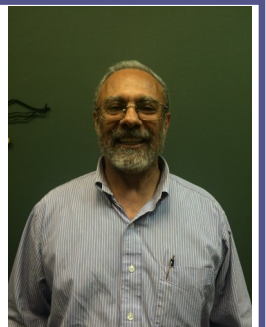
Teacher at Hage Elementary School



“When over 80% of our educators in the SDUSD voted to go on strike, I was one of them. Never mind that I was a probationary teacher. I supported my union. I would have not crossed the picket line, no matter the outcome. We won a decent contract, including a telephone in our classrooms. Long live our SDEA Union!!”

Ramon Espinal

**Teacher at Rosa Parks Elementary
Current SDEA Board Member**



“I chose to participate in the '96 strike because the district leadership had been treating us very disrespectfully for a long time and we felt we needed to stand up to them. The feeling of solidarity at my site was strong, and veteran SDEA leaders like Terry Pesta helped bolster my resolve.”

Joe Wainio

Teacher at Horton Elementary School

Current SDEA Board Member

"I chose to participate in the '96 strike because we had to strike. My son had just been born and here I was on strike, new baby, wife not working, talk about stress. When we settled I was so proud of what we (teachers) did and what I did for my family. (And it was kind of fun too.)"

Darrell Klueber

Teacher at Silver Gate Elementary

"I chose to participate in the '96 strike to stand in solidarity for our rights as educators to be heard, taken seriously, and receive benefits and salary."

Laura Brown-Rufing

Teacher at Euclid Elementary



"I chose to participate in the '96 strike because we were fighting for enhanced working conditions as professionals and demanding respect from the district. The parent community was a driving force because they knew our fight would create a better learning environment for their children."

Jenny Rivera

Teacher at Dailard Elementary

Current SDEA Board Member



"I chose to participate in the '96 strike because one or two voices get lost in the din...but when we all speak in unison, we cannot be ignored!"

Sandi Davison

Teacher at Baker Elementary

"I chose to participate in '96 because we had no option but to strike. We needed better working conditions, salary, and had to save jobs."

Steve Mendiola

Teacher at Hage Elementary School



"I chose to participate in the '96 strike because I had a choice to be with the teachers-and I was and will forever be! I had just signed a long-term contract two weeks prior."

Scott Mullin

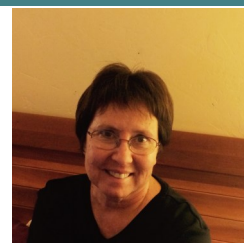
Teacher at The Language Academy

Current SDEA Board Member

"I chose to participate in the '96 strike because the district had surplus funding, but refused to raise teacher salaries as we deserved. I wanted to stand up for myself and my colleagues."

Sue Giaquinta

Spanish Teacher at Marston Middle School



"I chose to participate in the '96 strike because a union is only as strong as its members. I had participated in the 1977 strike as a student and daughter of the union president. As a probationary teacher I never hesitated to strike. I was scared to death, but knew that it was what we had to do."

Kristin Brown

Teacher at Silver Gate

Current member of SDEA Bargaining Team

Former SDEA Board Member

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