

**Name:** Jane Chen

**District of Residence:** MVLA

**If parent, school student attends:** Mountain View High School

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**Business/Community/Education-Related Involvement:**

Pediatrician at Palo Alto Medical Foundation from 1999-2022, American Board of Pediatrics from 1998-current, Down Syndrome Medical Interest Group from 2015-current, MVLA Parent Advisory Council from 2024-current, Orchestra Liaison for the MVHS Music Boosters from 2023-current, Learning Challenges Committee from 2015-current, SELPA 1 CAC member from 2016-2024, Special Olympics Northern California Board Member 2020-2021, Silicon Valley Down Syndrome Network Board Member from 2011-2016, San Andreas Regional Center Service Above Self Award in 2011.

**Areas of Interest and Expertise:** Child and Adolescent Health and Development, Down Syndrome, Least Restrictive Environment in Special Education

**For Parent/Guardian Nominees:** Experience in Special Education, General Education and Gifted and Talented Education. My 3 children have been placed in these public school settings.

**Why would you like to be a member of the Community Advisory Council (CAC)?**

MVLA and the surrounding school districts in Santa Clara County have lower than average rates of inclusion for students with IEPs in California. In California rates of inclusion are lower than almost every other state in the nation. Multiple studies have shown that students with disabilities who are included for most of the day in regular classes have better outcomes academically, socially and in post-secondary opportunities. At MVLA we have a disproportionality problem of significant numbers of Latino students identified as having Specific Learning Disability and then included at lower rates in regular classrooms (39.1% in comparison to 71.2% of white students in special education, see California Department of Education DataQuest 2023-24). We need to make improvements in inclusion for ALL students at MVLA and in Santa Clara county.