

# Press Release

SOLANA BEACH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **Board Vice President Debra Schade, Ph.D., Awarded '2021 Dede Alpert Award' by San Diego County School Boards Association**

SOLANA BEACH, CA (March 4, 2021) – Debra H. Schade, Ph.D., Vice President of the Solana Beach School District Board of Education and a driving force behind the District's COVID-19 testing program partnership with UC San Diego Health, is the recipient of the 2021 *Dede Alpert Award* for her significant contributions to public education. Dr. Schade was selected from among this year's many outstanding nominees as part of the San Diego County School Boards Association (SDCSBA, California School Boards Association Region 17) awards program. The

*Dede Alpert Award* is named for retired State Senator Dede Alpert, whose legislative career in California focused heavily on education. (Photo: Debra H. Schade, Ph.D.)

"Your enduring contributions to our education community through your work as a School Board Trustee, CSBA Delegate, CSBA Region 17 Director, Interim SDCSBA President, and School Districts Representative on the state Community Vaccine Advisory Committee stands out as exemplary and exceptional," wrote SDCSBA President Darshana R. Patel, Ph.D. and *Honoring Our Own* Committee Chair Cipriano Vargas in the announcement letter. "Congratulations on your well-deserved recognition!"

"I am fortunate to be on this journey with incredible education leaders who are focused on students," said Debra H. Schade, Ph.D., Vice President of the SBSB Board of Education. "It is humbling to be honored with this award, which is truly representative of all of the great work school boards are doing in San Diego County and across California to help provide strong foundations for all students."

The 19th Annual "Honoring Our Own" Awards Virtual Event will begin with a pre-show at 5:30 and follow with the main event at 6:00 p.m., Saturday, May 1. The online ceremony, co-sponsored by the Association of California School Administrators San Diego and Imperial County, or ACSA Region 18, and the SDCSBA, will air on YouTube and honorees will attend from home via Zoom.

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“Dr. Schade’s commitment and passion for all students has only been accentuated with the current pandemic. Not only is she a fierce advocate for students in the Solana Beach School District, but she also looks out for students across the county and state,” said Jodee Brentlinger, SBSD Superintendent. “We are fortunate to have her advocacy on so many different levels.”

The Solana Beach School District is located at 309 North Rios Avenue in Solana Beach, California.

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