



Education

As a credentialed teacher and current adjunct professor of public policy at Notre Dame de Namur University, Jerry understands the importance of a first rate education. He understands that education can be used as a tool to combat social ills such as poverty and crime. He believes education is a gateway toward a better quality of life; a mechanism for developing our youth and providing them with healthy, productive extra-curricular activities; and a vital component of economic development.

San Mateo County's economy is dependent upon a well-educated workforce. In order to provide the workforce our economy demands, we must invest in education. Investing in education is an investment in the people of California and in the future economic prosperity of our county and our state.

As a member of the Assembly, Jerry will work with teachers and administrators get them the resources they need to deliver high-quality educations to their students. He will work with teachers and administrators to achieve meaningful education reforms that reduce the achievement gap and train more students for careers in science and mathematics. And he will work to expand access to higher education so that all Californians have an equal opportunity to share in the state's economic prosperity.

Accomplishments

- Supported grant funding for schools to open after-school homework centers
- Initiated and organized an annual event with the County Office of Education and the County's high schools where elected officials address students on the importance of civic involvement and voting.
- Organized the San Mateo County Task Force on Improving Access to Educational Opportunity, which brought together leaders in county government and K-12 and community college education to develop a new community college curriculum in biotechnology.
- Supported efforts to increase access to pre-school through the establishment of Early Learning Centers
- Organized the 'Creating and Preparing a Competitive Global Workforce' summit, which brought together leaders from the education community, government, and from industry to develop strategies to prepare youth for careers in a global economy.