

Coalition Building for Greater Community Impact



Starting Point

- Overview
- What brings you here



How LUPS Came to Be

- Grassroots organizations working in parallel
- Recognition that solidarity increases impact
- Shift from siloed advocacy to coalition-building



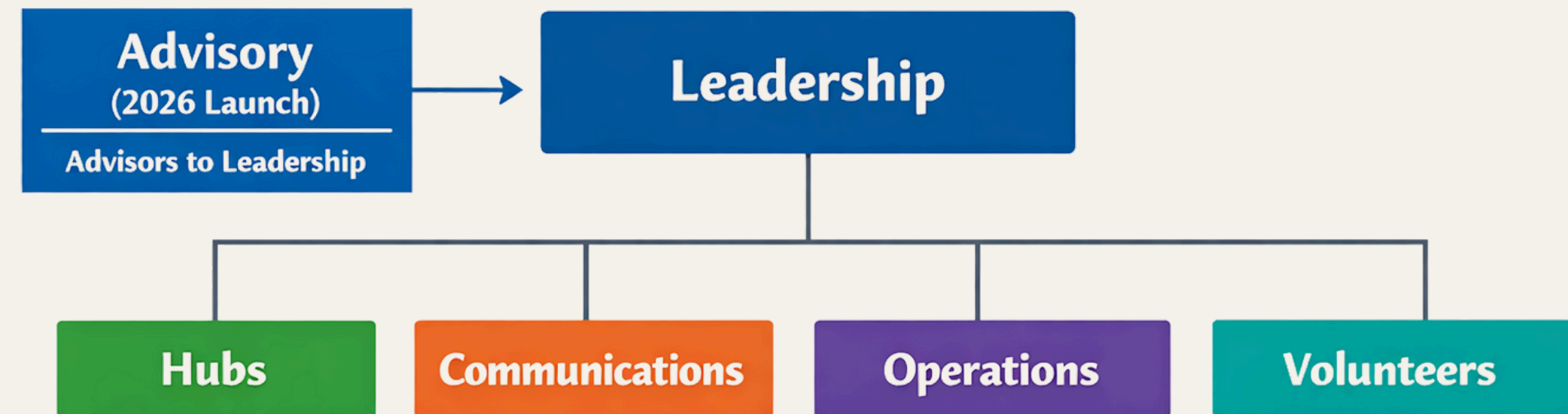
What is LUPS?

An all-volunteer coalition of grassroots groups from Contra Costa and Alameda Counties advocating for excellent public education delivered in settings that are safe and welcoming to all

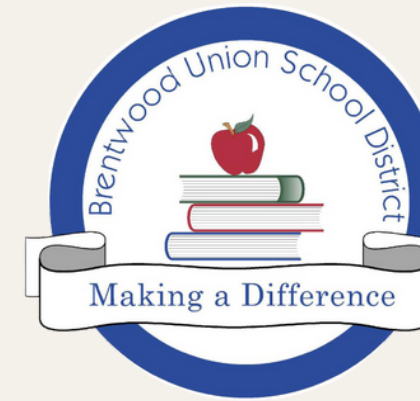
Mission: To advocate for high-quality public education that values diversity, equity, and inclusion

Vision: A vibrant, democratic society of compassionate, well informed, engaged community members

LUPS Org Chart



Partnerships Are Key



**Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek,
Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette**



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UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



Relentless Defenders
of Public Education
and Our Democracy!



San Ramon Valley
Unified School District



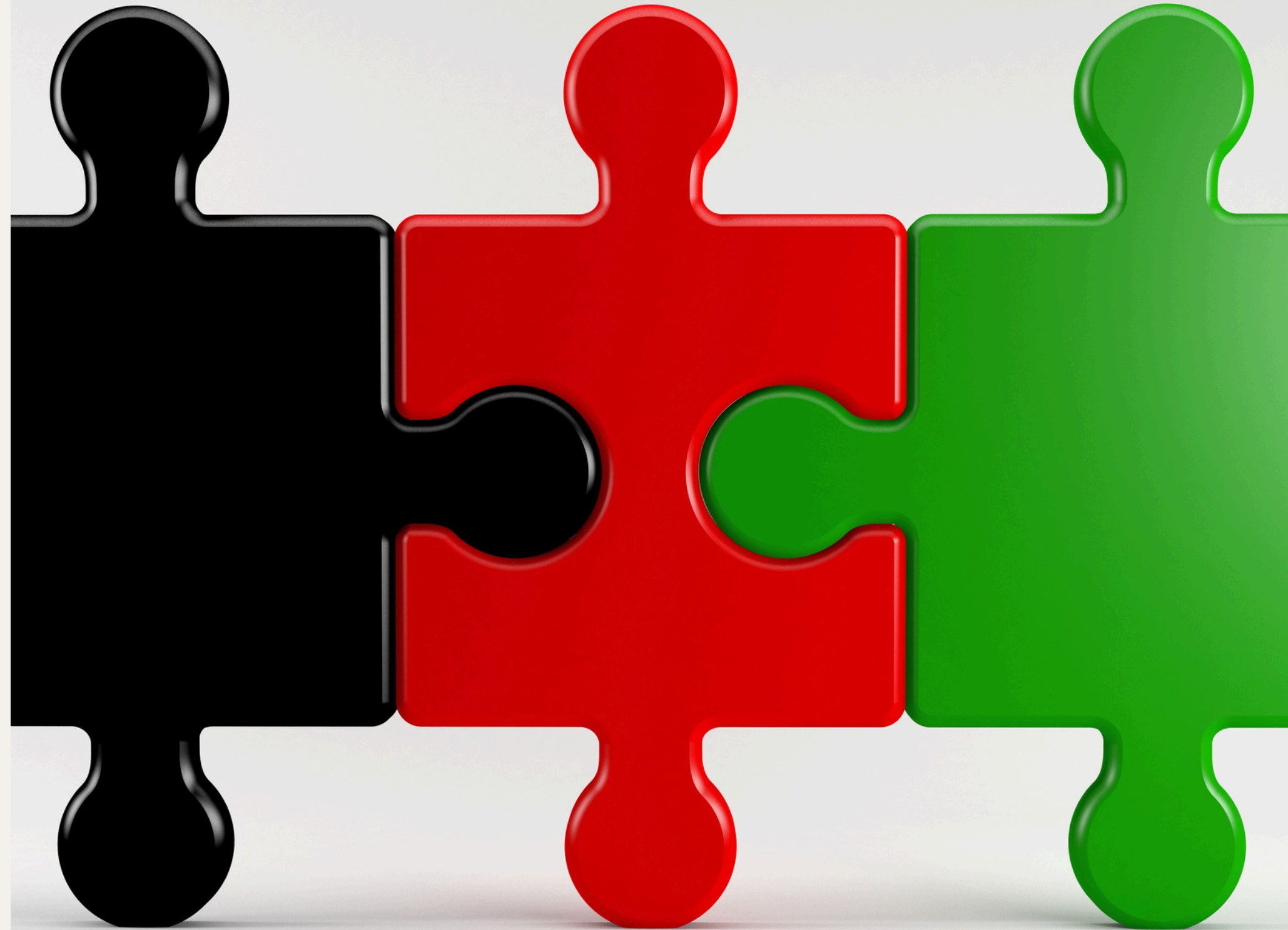
Contra Costa & Alameda County

Walnut Creek

A Sampling of Partnerships

Why Coalitions Work

- The collective power of community
- Greater resilience over time
- Finding common ground
- Building broader community buy-in and trust
- Strengthening advocacy through diverse perspectives
- Sharing resources, expertise, and workload
- Increasing credibility with decision-makers



LUPS Successes

- Coalitions formed or strengthened
- Increased school board monitoring
- Community education and training efforts



Success Stories

CANDIDATE SUPPORT

SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPPORT

GRASSROOTS UPSKILLING

LUPS SUMMIT

LUPS Summit

School Board Panel



Student Participation

Invitation

2024
LIFT UP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SUMMIT

Attend this summit to network across school districts, share challenges and successes in the fight to protect excellent public education, and build the collective impact of our emergent coalition.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE

- Liz Mikitarian Founder, Stop Moms For Liberty;
- Daniel Gross, Student, Monte Vista High School;
- Erin Choin, Sunol Unified School District Board Recall Committee
- Dianne Jones, Trustee, Fremont Unified School District Board;
- Heidi Gatty, President, Walnut Creek School District Board;
- Chad Curran, Parent, Orinda

Plus District Breakouts, Networking, & Resource Area.

Are you ready to make a difference?

Saturday, April 13, 2024
1:30-4:30pm
Location: Walnut Creek, CA

Cost: Complimentary
Register:
<https://tinyurl.com/LUPSsummit2024Reg>

Registration required. Deadline April 10th. Limited Space.

REGISTER TODAY.

QR Code

Social Media Website
LiftUpPublicSchools.com

Resource Fair



Program Book



1:30-2:00PM REGISTRATION & RESOURCE FAIR

Donner Room

2:00 WELCOME ADDRESS

Katha Hartley, Democrats of Rossmoor
Rossmoor Summit Welcome

Erik Murray, Oak Impact

Introduction

Diana Rohini LaVigne, Sunol Recall Committee

Land Acknowledgment + Unveiling of Official Logo

2:15 KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Liz Mikitarian Founder, Stop Moms For Liberty

Chad Curran, Parent, Orinda

2:45 PANEL DISCUSSION

Erin Choin, Sunol Unified School District Board Recall Committee

Heidi Gatty, President, Walnut Creek School District Board (Moderator)

Daniel Gross, Student, Monte Vista High School

Dianne Jones, Trustee, Fremont Unified School District Board

3:15 PM BREAK-OUT SESSIONS

Tahoe Room

4:00 PM RECONVENE & CLOSING

Katha Hartley, Democrats of Rossmoor

4:15PM-4:30PM NETWORKING

Tahoe Room

LUPS Marketing

Instagram

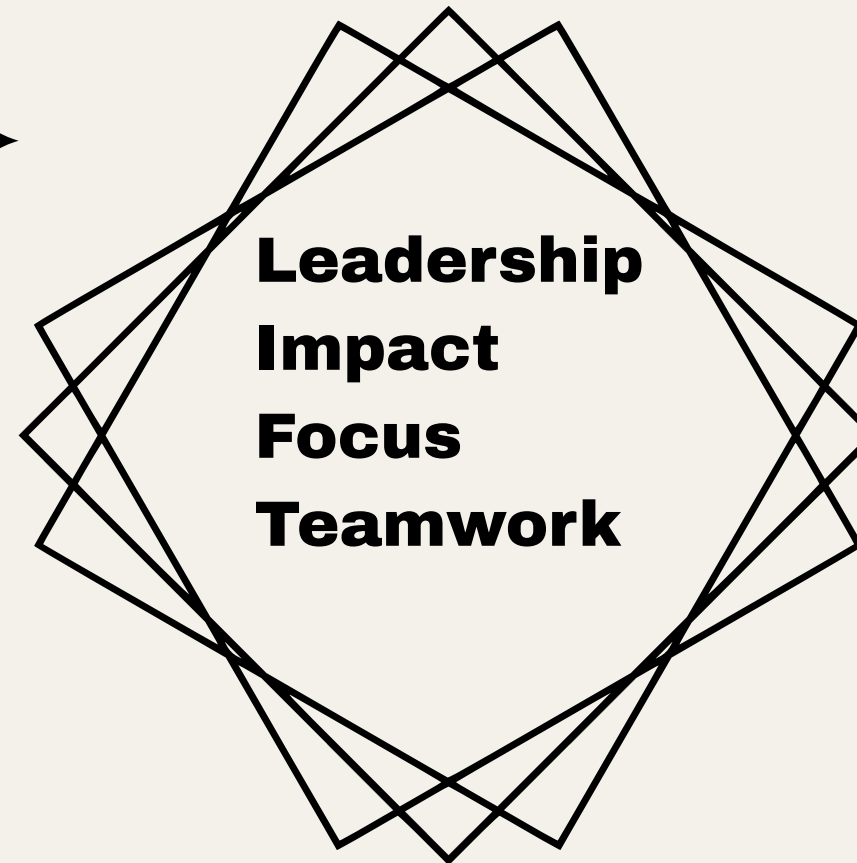


LIFT UP PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Leadership - Impact- Focus- Teamwork

Name + LOGO



Website



Facebook

LUPS Challenges

- Volunteer capacity
- Coordination across groups
- Sustaining engagement
- Decisionmaking
- Group norms



Local Hubs in Action

- Who came together
- What actions they took
- What changed because of collaboration

Why Hubs Matter

- District-specific knowledge
- Relationship-based influence
- Impact beyond election cycles



Step One: Change Making

- Small actions add up
- Coalition work is shared work
- Start where you are
- Identify where you live/ Your District
- Local focus increases impact (Pick One)



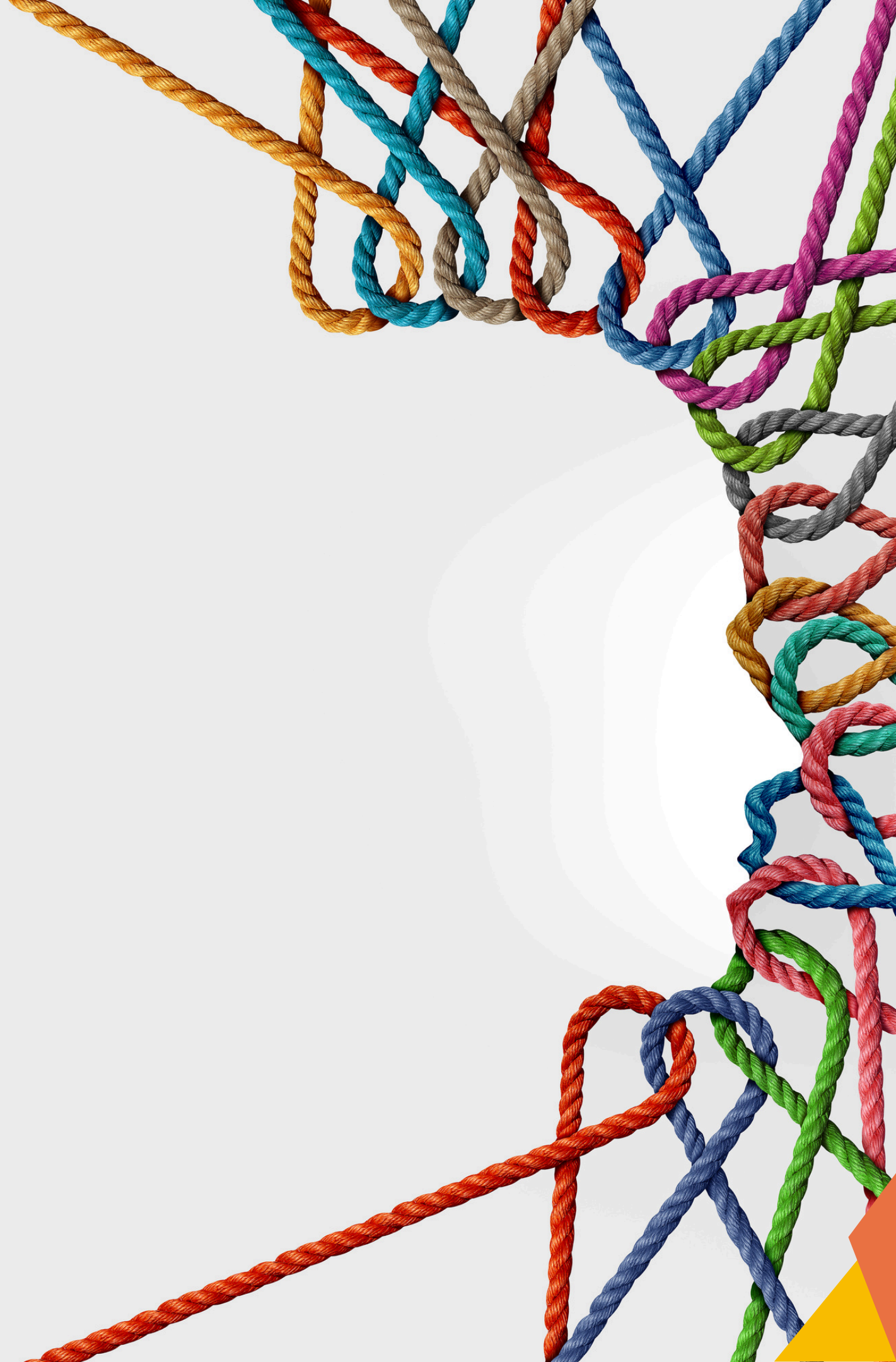
Step Two: Find Your People

- Reach out to two or three people
- Same district, any background
- Relationships come first
- Attend a board meeting
- Use AAUW CA School Board Project toolkit
- Observe, listen, learn



Step Three: Build Knowledge/Connections

- Who is advocating for public education
- Who sits on the board
- Who is up for election
- Share research
- Align around values
- Support pro-public education candidates together



What Next?

- Leave today with Confidence, Clarity, and Connection
- Support from LUPS, as needed
- Invite discussion
- Share contact information
- Encourage follow up
- Take one simple step today



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Q & A



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