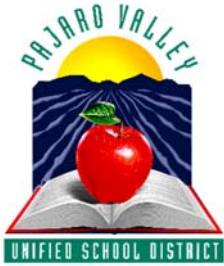


PAJARO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Pajaro Valley Unified School District is to educate and to support learners in reaching their highest potential. We prepare students to pursue successful futures and to make positive contributions to the community and global society.



Press Release

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Todd Guild and Register Pajaronian Recognized with Certificate of Excellence in Reporting

Todd Guild receives California School Boards Association's inaugural Golden Quill Award, recognizing the essential role journalists play in increasing understanding of public schools

WATSONVILLE, Calif., March 27, 2019 – Todd Guild of the Register Pajaronian was selected as one of 25 recipients of the Golden Quill Award, presented in recognition of fair, insightful and accurate reporting on public school news by print, broadcast and online news media representatives. The inaugural Golden Quill Awards are presented by the California School Boards Association (CSBA) to recognize outstanding education journalism and highlight the essential role journalists play in increasing understanding of the objectives, operations, accomplishments, challenges and opportunities related to public schools.

Todd Guild was presented a Certificate of Excellence in Reporting by his PVUSD Board of Trustees at their March 27 meeting. CSBA will also issue a press release and published the winners on its website (www.csba.org) and in the spring edition of *California Schools* magazine.

Todd Guild is honored by PVSUD for his ongoing coverage of the Pajaro Valley High School athletic field. From the time the District reached an agreement with the Watsonville Pilots Association in September 2017, to announcing when the Planning Commission would vote on the project in April 2018, to the announcement of the field's groundbreaking ceremony in February of this year, Todd Guild has been a partner of PVUSD, documenting these historic achievements and keeping our community informed.



Todd Guild and PVUSD Board of Trustees as he is honored with CSBA's Golden Quill Award.

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Todd Guild was pleased with the recognition and said, "It has been a pleasure serving the District these past 12 years. Teachers, staff and administration I have met are so inspiring and make this community a better place."

"As a Board we want to acknowledge Todd Guild for his many years of services to our school district. He has been instrumental in keeping our constituents abreast of the many initiatives we have introduced, our accomplishments as a district, as well as the challenges we have faced," stated Maria Orozco, Trustee who submitted Todd Guild's nomination.

School districts nominate journalists for the Golden Quill Award by highlighting work that was reported in an accurate and insightful manner and identifying stories where the nominee demonstrated a holistic understanding of the local educational agency and its stakeholders. Nominees must also have developed relationships with Trustees, and relevant district- and site-level staff, in addition to understanding the District's mission, goals and strategic vision during the reporting process.

"Journalists who accurately and fairly explore the issues that districts and county offices of education face perform an essential public service by providing meaningful insight into public schools, one of our country's core civic institutions," said CSBA President Mike Walsh. "The Golden Quill Awards celebrate strong reporting that informs audiences and illuminates the critical issues facing local schools and California's 6.2 million public school students."

To learn more about the Golden Quill Awards, visit the California School Boards Association's awards webpage at <https://bit.ly/2QuvhKr>.

Congratulations to Todd Guild on this well-deserved recognition!

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CSBA is a nonprofit education association representing the elected officials who govern public school districts and county offices of education. With a membership of nearly 1,000 educational agencies statewide, CSBA brings together school governing boards and district and county office administrators to advocate for effective policies that advance the education and well-being of the state's more than 6 million school-age children. Learn more at www.csba.org.

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