

Edward Buster

Vail Unified School District No. 20



Edward Buster is no stranger to Vail and the Corona de Tucson area. While he enjoys a successful career in the field of safety and security, he still finds time to volunteer throughout the community. He is the President of the Corona de Tucson Community Alliance, Board member of Corona Cares, is serving a second term on Pima County Library Advisory Board and played an instrumental role in bringing the funding needed for the W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station Library in Vail. He serves on the Southeast Regional Council and has served on COVE (Citizens of Vail for Education), the VUSD Foundation, Vail Parent Network, Mica Mountain Planning Committee, and more. But, above all, Ed is a proud Vail School District parent.

Edward Buster was born in Washington D.C. and spent much of his youth growing up in Connecticut. He was heavily involved with Boy Scouts, the swim team, and serving as a lifeguard. He later joined the United States Air Force where he spent several years in aircraft avionics maintenance on the B52, B1's, and B2's. He was then tasked to lead the Personal Readiness Unit... just before 9/11. He spent his days, weeks, and months afterwards preparing and deploying hundreds of personnel globally to protect the United States. Just before retirement, he was sent to teach AFROTC at the University of Connecticut where he recruited, trained, and commissioned our next generation of servicemen and women.

Ed is the proud father of five fantastic boys. And he understands that a happy wife means a happy life... she (a native Tucsonan) was done with Connecticut winters. So, after his 20 years of service to his country, they moved to Corona de Tucson. The weather was great, and the schools were fantastic. VUSD has done a great job, and all five of Ed's children are thriving adults.

Ed is simply unable to say no to someone who needs help. As a result of this mentality that was perpetuated in the military, he's served as an avid parent volunteer in the classrooms and schools whenever needed at Sycamore, Corona Foothills, Andrada, and Cienega as well as on countless community boards.

When Ed isn't busy at work or serving in the community, he can be found playing with his kids... even if they are all adults. Playing a good game of racquetball, football, etc. is always a great time. Anytime he can be with his kids, and they want to be with, as he says, "their old man," he's a winner! Ed is elated by the birth of his first grandchild that arrived in August. He looks forward to convincing his granddaughter's parents to move to the greater Vail area so his granddaughter can attend the Vail School District schools one day!

Ed is running for the Vail Unified School District Governing Board because it is the next best way, he knows he can serve and give back to the community and the school district that has given him and his family so much.