

Even though he is a Naval Intelligence Officer, Jay Chen repeatedly supported the establishment of “Confucius Classroom” in the public school system, which are education programs funded in part by the Chinese Communist Party that allegedly were designed to indoctrinate American kids into supporting communist ideology.

BACKUP:

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US Navy Reserve

2010 – Present · 11 yrs

Department Head, Defense Intelligence Agency HQ 1194

Command Naval Forces Korea

(Jay Chen, [LinkedIn](#), Accessed 01/28/21)

- Per his campaign website, Jay Chen led an intelligence team as part of Operation Inherent Resolve. “As part of Operation Inherent Resolve Lieutenant Commander Chen led an intelligence team and brought justice to the terror group ISIS, and he played a key role in the military’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic in the Middle East.” (Meet Jay. [Jay Chen For Congress](#), Accessed 08/01/22)

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- Jay Chen worked “to bring an educational program sponsored by the Chinese Communist Party into his community’s K-12 classrooms.” “A Democrat running for Congress in California worked to bring an educational program sponsored by the Chinese Communist Party into his community's K-12 classrooms. As a member of the Hacienda La Puente school board in 2010, Democrat Jay Chen spearheaded an effort to bring the Confucius Classroom program to his district.” (Collin Anderson, “Meet the California Dem Who Invited the CCP Into His Local Classrooms,” [The Washington Free Beacon](#), 02/17/22)

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- Chen said he was “proud” of the district’s decision in January to approve launching a Confucius Classroom at Cedarlane Middle School. “Chen says he is “proud” of the district's decision in January to approve launching a Confucius Classroom next fall at Cedarlane Middle School in Hacienda Heights, with the Chinese government's Chinese Language Council International, also known as HanBan, picking up the tab.” (Matt Coker, “The Daily Show Fake News Report On Confucius Classroom Apparently Airs Tonight,” [OCWeekly](#), 06/07/10)

In January 2010, Jay Chen voted to establish a Confucius classroom at Cedarlane Middle School:

Editor's Note: Cedarlane Middle is [located](#) in Hacienda La Puente which is not in California's 45th Congressional District. It is in California's 38th Congressional District.

- Jay Chen was one of five members in attendance at a meeting of the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District Board of Education on January 28, 2010.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
January 28, 2010**

The Regular Board of Education Meeting of January 28, 2010, was called to order by President Anita Perez at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the District Administration building located at 15959 East Gale Avenue, Hacienda Heights, California 91745.

Members present were: Mrs. Anita Perez, Mr. Jay Chen, Mr. Norman Hsu, Mr. Rudy Chavarria and Dr. Joseph K. Chang.

Superintendent present: Dr. Barbara Nakaoka

(Minutes, [Hacienda La Puente Unified School District](#), 01/28/10)

- Agenda Item 7.03.a was to approve an agreement with The Confucius Institute Headquarters to establish a Confucius Classroom at Cedarlane Middle School that would teach Chinese, sponsor cultural activities, organize trips to China and compile teaching materials.

Agenda Item Details

Meeting: Jan 28, 2010 - Regular Board of Education Meeting

Category: 7. Administrative Items

Subject: 7.03.a - Instruction - Approve agreement between The Confucius Institute Headquarters and Cedarlane Middle School to establish a Confucius Classroom at Cedarlane Middle School. (Dr. Nakaoka)

Type: Action

Recommendation:
Approve agreement between The Confucius Institute Headquarters and Cedarlane Middle School to establish a Confucius Classroom at Cedarlane Middle School.

Analysis:
The Confucius Classroom at Cedarlane Middle School shall be a non-profit institution with the purpose of enhancing understanding and friendship between the young people of China and the United States by sponsoring courses of Chinese language and culture.

The Confucius Classroom at Cedarlane Middle School can serve the following Chinese teaching programs:
- Teach Chinese and sponsor cultural activities and Chinese competitions;
- Train teachers to teach Chinese in primary and middle schools;
- Organize summer and winter camps in China for secondary school students; and
- Compile teaching materials.

The Confucius Classroom shall have a Board of Advisors. The Board of Advisors shall have the responsibility to provide input for the Confucius Classroom. The make-up of the Advisory Board will include two parents, two teachers, the Principal and Vice-Principal of Cedarlane Middle School.

The Confucius Institute will:
- Provide necessary start-up funds and equipments for teaching and cultural activities, and provide a set amount of annual funds according to needs;
- Provide 1,000 volumes of books, audio-visual, multimedia materials and courseware, and to authorize the use of on-line courses; and
- Send Chinese instructors or volunteers according to need and pay for their air fares and salaries.

Budget Implications:
None

(Regular Meeting Agenda, [Hacienda La Puente Unified School District](#), 01/28/10)

- Four board members voted to approve the Confucius Classroom and one, Mr. Chavarria, voted no.

Item No. 0199	Moved by Mr. Hsu and seconded by Mr. Chen to approve agreement between the Confucius Institute Headquarters and Cedarlane Middle School, to establish a Confucius classroom at Cedarlane Middle School. Before voting, Board Member Chavarria requested to pull the item due to the legality of a principal signing the agreement. Dr. Matsumoto clarified
	that as long as the Board approves and designates a person to sign the agreement, the superintendent or he, could sign as authorized signers for agreements. Another concern raised by Board Member Chavarria, was the donation of books for the class that had not yet been Board approved and he expressed again, that he was opposed to the approval. The vote was then taken. 4 Yes. 1 No. Mr. Chavarria voted no.

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Editor’s Note: *Hanban is [shorthand](#) for the ruling body of the Office of Chinese Language Council International, a branch of the Ministry of Education.*

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- **Critics took aim at a Chinese education program known as Confucius Classrooms that are taught in elementary and high schools.** “Blackburn, and others, are taking aim at a Chinese educational program that is taught in some of our nation's elementary and high schools, known as Confucius classrooms.” (Eric Shawn and Ben Evansky, “China accused of trying to indoctrinate American children,” [Fox News](#), 02/02/21)
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Beijing is pushing 'propaganda,' critics say

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