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Metro Transportation Manager Sharad Mulchand has served on the ABC Unified School District's Finance and Audit Committee for eight years.

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Mulchand Too Good a Volunteer for ABC School District

- Finance and Audit Committee can't seem to live without him

By JIMMY STROUP

(Feb. 26, 2008) Metro Transportation Planning Manager Sharad Mulchand is simply too good a volunteer.

Mulchand was recently invited to continue his tenure with the ABC Unified School District's ([ABCUSD](#)) Finance and Audit Committee.

"After the board member who appointed me lost the last election, I thought I might be able to stop doing this," he said. "But the new member asked me to continue on. They won't let me go."

What began eight years ago as a way for Mulchand to stay involved with his children's schooling has turned into a habit. Attending the committee's monthly meetings are second-nature to him now.

The Finance and Audit Committee functions to keep the ABCUSD on the right path, according to Mulchand, by making certain its financial dealings are legal and above board.

"It's like any public body, the school board, and we're the people trying to make sure that things are on the up and up," Mulchand said. "It's a complicated system with hundreds of millions of dollars and earmarks and budgets. We make sure it's all going where it ought to."

Mulchand's children went to Whitney High School within the ABC district,

but they've since moved onto their adult lives.

This most recent appointment will have Mulchand serving 12 years when it ends in 2012.

"Still, it's an honor," he said. "They trust me."

About ABCUSD: In 1965 Artesia, Bloomfield, and Carmenita School Districts unified and became known as the ABC Unified School District. The ABC Unified School District is representative of urban school districts throughout the United States. The community served by ABC Unified School District includes the cities of Artesia, Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens, as well as portions of Lakewood, Long Beach, and Norwalk.