

NAME: Brooks Coleman
PARTY: Republican
SEEKING: Georgia House of Representatives,
District 97



Why are you seeking your office?

I have and will continue to work hard to bring decision making and government closer to the people. This is a core principle that resonates deeply within me. I strongly believe that government should be the peoples' handmaiden, not the other way around. When it is large, remote and untamed, it can't serve effectively. I have a proven track record of voting as a conservative Republican and implementing sound, conservative public policy. I still have a lot of work to do and believe I have the experience and desire to finish the job.

What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

Raising the bar for education in all of Georgia remains a top priority for me. Having been a teacher, principal and assistant superintendent with a daughter teaching first grade and two grandchildren attending public school, I know how important public education is to our community and Georgia. I know that moving our state forward, creating good jobs and changing lives for the better, depends on a quality education system. I will also be working with the Governor to complete the work done by the Education Task Force last year.

What distinguishes your candidacy?

Serving our great communities is one of the best things I have ever done! As a 30 year educator, veteran Legislator and now house education Committee Chairman, and as a community servant I want to continue working for the people of Gwinnett. Experience, dedication, hard work, and lots of energy is what distinguishes my candidacy from my competitor. EXPERIENCE COUNTS! I have positive relationships with City, County, State and Federal decision makers, and am able to continue to be an effective advocate for Suwanee, Sugar Hill, Duluth and Buford.

What are the key issues in your race?

- Education Funding, Standards, Local Control and Flexibility.
- Healthcare, Federal and State Funding
- Jobs
- Transportation Issues
- Tax Relief

Pick one issue. Expand on how you will address it.

Education Funding – Revise the Quality Basic Education (QBE) Act of 1985. I plan to work with the Governor to complete the work of his study committee to revise the QBE Funding formula that is used to fund education in the State of Georgia. Its purpose was to study the cost and resources required to educate Georgia's children and make recommendations to the legislature based on its findings.

Give a 100 word summary of your background.

Born in Atlanta, lived in Gwinnett with wife Mary Claire for over 50 years. Graduated Bass High School Atlanta, Bachelor Degree, Mercer University, Macon, Masters Degree, Georgia, Specialist Degree, Georgia, Ph. D. Degree, Georgia State. Have one Daughter and two grandchildren. Worked in Gwinnett County Schools as a teacher, principal, director of curriculum and assistant superintendent. Now serve as State Representative, and Chairman of the House education Committee. Motivational speaker and an auctioneer, raising funds for schools and charities. Member Duluth First Baptist Church. Youth sports coach and official. Voice of The Duluth High School Wildcat Football Team for 45.....