# NAME: Mark Williams PARTY: Democratic SEEKING: School Board, District 4



#### Why are you seeking your office?

I'm running to bring a new voice and fresh perspective to the school board.

## What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

I expect to continue to move the district in a positive direction, enhance the strengths and improve in areas where needed.

## What distinguishes your candidacy

I have over 18 years of experience as an educator working in the building with students, staff and faculty. I also have a child that attends a Gwinnett County Public School.

## How can we improve school safety?

We can have safer schools by having doors that lock, key pass entry, an SRO presence and staff and faculty that pay attention to the individuals coming into the building. I think there are times when we become comfortable and let our guard down.

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

The graduation rate is always a hot button issue. I would like identify which students, leaving the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, may be in danger of not graduating on-time and find support for them during their high school matriculation.

#### Please give a 100 word summary on your background:

I have over 18 years of experience working directly with students and parents as a special education teacher and high school counselor. Additionally, I have worked for several community counseling agencies providing in-home counseling to at-risk students.

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