

**NAME:** Carol Boyce  
**PARTY:** Republican  
**SEEKING:** School Board, District 1

**1. Why are you seeking office?**

Success is crucial for the over 177,000 students in Gwinnett. Since I have been on the Board the number of students has increased substantially and the needs in our community have grown accordingly. However, our students have continued to achieve at high levels through varied choices available to them. It is vital that all students have access and can utilize these opportunities. I am running for re-election because I want to ensure that our school system continues to be the primary vehicle of success for our students, our community, and our future.

**2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?**

If I am re-elected I intend to ensure that all students receive the best possible education. Our award winning Board and Superintendent team has provided a positive learning environment for students to thrive. I intend to continue the tradition of success while being vigilant that all students have the individual tools necessary for their maximum achievement. Some of the ways to do this would be to expand innovative choices for relevant real world experiences such as increased theme schools, academies, STEAM/STEAM activities, and project based learning.

**3. What distinguishes your candidacy?**

In my fifteen years as an experienced Board member, I have faithfully served the citizens of Gwinnett during which time students have reached high levels of accomplishment. Our system has won numerous awards for excellence and our students continue to shine. Of course greater heights can be reached with continued innovation, but a major overhaul is not needed because our school system is one of the best in the nation. Visitors come to see what is working so well and many people move to Gwinnett because of the stellar schools. I stand on my record of success.

**4. Pick any one issue. Expand on how you will address it.**

One major concern is teacher recruitment and retention. The nationwide pool of qualified teachers, particularly in some fields, has dwindled. Excellent teachers are crucial and GCPS teachers are absolutely the best. At times the public has not expressed full appreciation to these well-deserving heroes. However, in this pandemic many people now recognize the

tremendous worth of these talented professionals who instruct students by adapting to both digital and in-person learning. I intend to elevate opportunities to show our incredible educators how much they are valued and support resourceful recruiting efforts.

#### **5. Suggest ways to jump-start the economy after COVID-19**

Life will not seem normal any time soon since many parts of our world have changed. Some parents struggle financially while juggling children's needs. However, one lesson learned is how interconnected our economy and society are. Lost jobs may not return yet others will develop. Entrepreneurial skills taught throughout GCPS will enable individuals to fill needs and resource deserts that were exposed by this crisis and ongoing recovery. Another way is to support collaboration among businesses while encouraging smaller crowds and spending locally whenever possible.

#### **6. Please give a 100 word summary on your background**

I am a former middle school teacher and design professional. As long-time residents of Gwinnett, my husband Peter and I have six children all who graduated from Dacula. Because I wanted to ensure that Gwinnett students continue to have a great education, I ran for the Board in 2004 and have had the honor to represent our community since then. During my tenure the enrollment has increased by one third, the graduation rate has risen, innovations have increased, and challenges such as economic hardships, language learners, and even a pandemic response have been met very effectively.