

District 1

Name: Leroy Ranel Jr.

Educational Background/Degrees: Associates Degree Cyber Security Gwinnett Tech; BA Homeland Security from AMU; Dozens of Law Enforcement and Cyber Security Certifications

Current Occupation: Cyber Security Manager & Reserve Police Officer



If I'm elected to the Board I will:

- Work to repair relationships where they previously existed and build new relationships that are non-existent.
- Maintain an office of transparency.
- Grow my mentorship and community relations from Dacula to all GCPS, specifically District 1.
- Support GCPS employees (specifically local teachers and bus drivers) in all strategy decisions.
- Ensure our Special Education program receives the attention and resources it needs to be successful.
- Hold myself and others accountable when we fail, and fail forward to learn from our mistakes.
- Be the change I want to see.

Karen Watkins – Incumbent – did not receive response

District 3

Name: Domanique Cooper

Educational Background/Degrees: The College of Notre Dame of Maryland, Bachelor's of Arts Criminology and Social Deviance with a minor in Forensic Psychology; Capella University, Master's of Science Human Services with a concentration in Social and Community Services; Educational Certificate: Harvard University, School leaders of Color Organizational Development Collaborative

Current Occupation: Education Strategist



If I'm elected to the Board I will:

If I'm elected to the board, I will prioritize school safety, student achievement, mental health, wellness, and community engagement. I will make rational, fact-based decisions regarding the annual budget, policy, superintendent evaluation, and engagement with the community. Additionally, I commit to approaching my role with professionalism and poise, respecting all stakeholders, including community, staff, families, and fellow board members. My vision is to foster a nurturing environment where every student thrives academically, emotionally, and socially, supported by engaged communities and empowered educators.

Name: Yanin Cortes

Educational Background/Degrees: Georgia State University, Bachelor of Arts, Spanish Literature and Education

Current Occupation: Former GCPS Educator, Entrepreneur, Owner/Operator of three restaurants



If I'm elected to the Board I will:

If I'm elected to the board I will focus on the basics: educating our children. The school board should not be a governing body where the whims of political agendas or party platforms take center stage; a place where theatrics to score political points obfuscate important policy from being effective and therefore potentially harmful. Our children are the future and we cannot play games with their future. We must put aside our political differences and come together for our children. On the board, every decision I make will be for one purpose: the advancement and well-being of the students at GCPS. I will draw on my 16+ years of experience running successful businesses and my teaching experience at Shiloh High school in GCPS to make decisions on policy, the budget, and Superintendent oversight. Although I will not agree with my fellow board members on everything, I pledge to work together to ensure we are providing a world-class education that sets up our next generations for success in the world because, at the end of the day, that's what matters.

District 3

Name: Steve Gasper

Educational Background/Degrees: Bachelor of Science, Business Management & Organization, University of Southern California

Current Occupation: Director, Retina Key Accounts @ Sandoz / Small Business Owner



If I'm elected to the Board I will:

Strive to foster cohesive and professional working relationships with current school board members to effectively manage policies that have a positive impact on student achievement and overall organizational excellence. This will be done with my commitment to continue to listen to our community and education stakeholders, both internally & externally, to fully understand what is best for all students and teachers. I will work to remove wasteful spending and return those dollars back to the school & classroom level, where they will have an immediate, positive impact.

Shana White - did not receive response

District 5

Name: Patrina King

Educational Background/Degrees: Bachelors in Technical Management (DeVry University), Master in Human Resources (Keller Graduate School of Management)

Current Occupation: Entrepreneur/Certified Project Manager

If I'm elected to the Board I will:



If elected to the GCPS Board of Education, my focus will be on promoting collaboration among stakeholders to ensure transparent decision-making processes. I'm committed to advocating for accountability in providing equitable access to resources and opportunities for all students, regardless of their backgrounds. I will strive to create a supportive, inclusive school environment that supports academic success and holistic development. Lastly, I will advocate for measures to hold the superintendent accountable, As the primary employee responsible for running the district, this will be a priority.

Dr. Tarece Johnson-Morgan- did not receive response