

NAME: Louise Radloff
PARTY: Democratic
SEEKING: School Board Post 5

1. Why are you seeking your office?

I am seeking re-election to the board of education district 5 because I believe the stability of the district is critical over the next four year term. We are a rapidly changing district with challenges especially in the district I represent. We have a triple "A" Bond rating because of the financial stability which saves the taxpayers millions of dollars in bond issues. The leadership of the board and staff and the ability to work together with outside agencies which impact the school district has been recognized nationally.

2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

If elected I would continue to work on strengthening pre-k and working towards mandating Kindergarten where data shows us students starting school are two years behind where they should be. Third grade data also reflects the challenges our students face if not on grade level. Long term it impacts the graduation rate. Technology plays a major role and I support continuous upgrades. I believe in helping all students excel to close the achievement gap.

3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

Knowing the history of where we were, where we are and the long term impact of a quality education. I have the knowledge and involvement of outside agencies such as mental health, public health and the ability to have these agencies involved in the local schools as needed. I work with second language families by offering ELL classes and offer classes for students who will take the mandated tests to assure they will be able to move forward.

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

My issue would be the elementary education. Reading comprehension is a critical question. Often our parents have not had the opportunity to finish school and the ability to assist their students. The title schools in my district are approximately 80 to 90 percent free and reduced lunch. What that tells us is the poverty level is high. Working with these families and students will impact the economic future of our county. I serve them through my non-profit.

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

A suggestion for the COVID-19 would be to bring together all agencies including best practices to look at the impact it has had on our communities. to develop a strategy and a plan if and when it should occur again.

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

I grew up in Canada. My parents moved to the United states and I followed a couple of years later. I worked for an engineering firm while in school and then applied for American citizenship. I met my husband after he was discharged from the Navy and enrolled at the University of Buffalo. I worked for the Bell system at that time. We were transferred to Gwinnett county to open the Western Electric plant. Gwinnett schools were rural. Gwinnett has been home ever since.