

## **CRAIG ELEMENTARY LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS NOTICE**

**Craig Elementary is holding elections for Local School Council representatives. You may vote online or by paper ballot in the front lobby on Tuesday, May 3, from 7:30AM – 3:30PM. The ballot will contain the names of the people listed below whom have qualified for nominations:**

- 1. Susan Carter:** Thank you for considering me to serve on the Craig Elementary School Council as a Parent Representative. I have lived in Gwinnett County since 2006. I am the proud parent of two wonderful kids (a 1<sup>st</sup> grader and a 4<sup>th</sup> grader). My husband and I place a great deal of importance on being active in our community, present in our children's lives and involved in their education; so I feel very fortunate that I have been able to be at home with my kids and dedicate so much of my time and energy to them. I have been actively involved with my children's schools since both were in preschool. I volunteer at my son's Montessori preschool and at Brookwood Elementary for 3 years. (I was a Room Representative and a weekly classroom volunteer for his K, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes.) I was also active at my daughter's church preschool, helping with parties and volunteering to be the "Ballet Mom" for the afterschool ballet program. Last year I served as Room Representative for my son's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class and my daughter's kindergarten class. I also served on the school council for part of the year when a seat opened due to a member moving out of the district. This year I am serving as the Vice President of our PTA and as co-chair of our Spirit Wear committee. I am a Room Representative for my son's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class and I volunteer each week in my daughter's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class as a Parent Reader. I am also a co-troop leader of a terrific Daisy/Brownie Girl Scout troop in the Brookwood district. I feel that active parent participation is just as important in making a school great, as are the talented and dedicated teachers and administrators. I'm proud to be part of the Craig community, I love that I'm able to offer my time to something I feel passionately about, and I look forward to continuing my service to Craig Elementary.
- 2. Lucas Harsh:** I am running for school council based on my experience with both the Gwinnett County Schools, and Craig Elementary. I was raised in Gwinnett County, and I am a product of the Gwinnett County Schools. I attended Centerville Elementary, Snellville Middle, and graduated from South Gwinnett. After graduating college from Emory University and Georgia State College of Law, I established my law practice and home in Gwinnett County. I have three children. The oldest is at Crews Middle and came through Craig. The other two are at Craig now. My wife, Alexis Harsh also teaches at Craig Elementary, and started before my oldest child entered Kindergarten. In addition to my experience with the school system, I am also familiar with various aspects of the local community. My position as a local attorney brings me into contact with a number of local community leaders. In the past, I taught Sunday school at Cannon United Methodist church where I am a member. I have also been involved in Cub Scouts, and now Boy Scouts since my oldest son was in first grade. I was a den leader with Cub Scouts for most of 7 years, an assistant scout master in boy scouts for some time, and I am currently the scout master of Boy Scout Troop 506 at Cannon UMC.
- 3. Rudy Jackson:** Dr. Rudy Jackson, Jr. is a committed father, educator and community supporter. His daughters are currently in the 2nd and 4th grades at Craig Elementary. Since his arrival to Atlanta and the Brookwood cluster in 2012, he has been involved at Craig ES, Crews MS, and Brookwood HS in various capacities. As owner of College Prep Professionals, he has provided college and career planning workshops to students and parents at over 20 elementary, middle and high schools in Gwinnett County Public Schools. A highlight of his volunteer work was helping a group of Crews Middle School students develop and present a proposal that resulted in them receiving funding to put doors on the boys bathroom stalls. As an administrator at Georgia Gwinnett College, member of the North Georgia Kiwanis, participant in Leadership Gwinnett (Glance 2014), and "Principal for a Day" at Brookwood HS (2015), Dr. Jackson has developed great working relationships with the educators and business community in the area. He is very skilled at leveraging these relationships for the betterment of our

community. His skills and experience, combined with the sincere commitment to student success will be an asset to the Council in their efforts to provide an engaging learning environment that supports our students' growth and development.

- 4. Shane Walker:** Shane Walker is a committed father, business owner, and coach to his sons Dallas & Dylan Walker. Dallas is currently attending Craig Elementary (2nd grade) and Dylan is in preschool at Primrose. Shane's passion for sports started very young when he was only five years old. He has been a volunteer coach at the YMCA at Sugarloaf for the past five years coaching Spring Soccer, Flag Football, and fall soccer. Shane is also a partner in the firm Merchandising Solutions Group, Inc. His company is responsible for large cap construction projects for chains like Kroger, Food Lion and Advanced Auto Parts. Shane has served in several executive roles in corporate America. He's held executive positions for The Kroger Company, Coors Brewing Company and Hess Oil Company. Shane's strong business acumen and his love for improving the development and growth of children will prove to be an asset to the Craig Elementary council.