

## Chattahoochee SGC Candidate Statements

### Teachers:

-Benjamin Salba: [salbab@fultonschools.org](mailto:salbab@fultonschools.org)

I want to be a part of making Chattahoochee the best school in Georgia. To do so, I believe we should continue to explore new educational pathways & reinforce the traditional methods that have made Chattahoochee exemplary. I wish to serve on the School Governance Council because of the flexibility it creates, giving us the opportunity to try new approaches to educating our students. I was fortunate to benefit from a seat time waiver obtained by the S.G.C. to create a combined AP World & European History class. This allowed me to spend 75 minutes per day covering 2 courses worth of material with students. By serving on the S.G.C., I will have the opportunity to enable others to develop new & engaging classes & programs. I am in my 10th year as a classroom teacher. The past 5 have been at Chattahoochee, & the first 5 were at Luella High School in Henry County. The differences between these schools & districts provided me with experience working with students across all social, economic, & racial spectrums. I have taught Advanced Placement, Honors, On-Level, & Collaborative classes to students in all grades. Before teaching, I worked in retail management & foodservice. These jobs require the ability to listen & creatively solve problems, skills that directly apply to S.G.C. I plan to send my children to Chattahoochee. By serving on the School Governance Council, I will not only help build a better future for the school, but a better future for my children, as well.

-Margaret Garth: [Garthm@fultonschools.org](mailto:Garthm@fultonschools.org)

I have worked at Chattahoochee High School for five years as an on-level and honors 9th and 10th grade Language Arts Teacher. I love the culture at this school, and I'm constantly proud to say I work here. In the past five years I have coached basketball and soccer, and have attended almost every basketball and football game. I have been the sponsor for clubs, and even traveled to England for a field trip with my students. I am currently the sponsor for the Sophomore Class Council and I was responsible for organizing orientation for this year's incoming Freshman Class. During the 2016-2017 school year, I oversaw the hall decorations, I raised funds, sold tickets, and sponsored the Homecoming Dance. I have been nominated for Teacher of the Year for the past three years, and was a finalist last year. I am currently a member of the Hooch Leadership Academy, and the Fulton County ASAIL (Aspiring School Administrators and Instructional Leaders) Program. It is my goal to work in school administration, for which serving on School Governance Council would add to my understanding of school collaboration with strategic partners and parents. I would be an asset to the School Governance Council because of my experience in every area of the Hooch community. I will work hard to be an excellent representative for Chattahoochee High School. Thank you for your time.

-Chelsea Arnhart: [cmarnhart@gmail.com](mailto:cmarnhart@gmail.com)

My name is Chelsea Arnhart. I earned my undergraduate degree in Special Education at Georgia College and State University in May of 2012. Ocee Elementary hired me a few weeks later and I began my career as an IRR teacher. I also began attending Georgia State University to earn my master's degree in Behavior and Learning Disabilities. I graduated with my master's degree in May of 2014. I taught at Ocee Elementary for 3 years before transferring to Chattahoochee. The joy of teaching has pushed me to further my education, and I will finish my education specialist in Curriculum and Instruction this May. As an alumni, I am so excited to be back at my old stomping grounds. I believe that my experiences at Chattahoochee as both a student and a teacher will allow me to influence the School Governance Board with both viewpoints. As a special education teacher, I also have the privilege of working with multiple departments in the building which allows me to bring a voice from a larger group of people. I am a previous athlete and coach which allows me to think about extracurricular activities as well as academics. I also think that my experiences at 2 local schools will allow me to share ideas for things that worked, as well as reasons things did not. I would love to have this opportunity to represent the staff of Chattahoochee and further my involvement in the Hooch Family.

**Parents:**

-Heather Kinsey: [hkinsey@advanc-ed.org](mailto:hkinsey@advanc-ed.org)

I would be pleased to represent Chattahoochee High School (CHS) on school governance council and help to make CHS a school that ensures ALL learners are well prepared for a successful future. Three of my six children are graduates of CHS and in 2017-18 I'll have a freshman and senior attending. CHS is a great school with high test scores, graduation rates and competitive education programs, but I know firsthand that there are several ways in which CHS can improve the learning environment, experiences and programs to better serve all kids. I've worked in education for over 22+ years in the areas of school improvement, grants management, education policy and more. I also serve as a national thought leader in the area of school improvement and forward-thinking education policy. I'd love an opportunity to contribute to the improvement of my local school system.