

North Springs Candidate Statements (Spring 2018)

Parents

1. Marc Effron { marceffron@yahoo.com; (404) 729-0310

My family has been a local resident of the community for over 40 years. With one sophomore child and one rising freshman, I have a high vested interest in the academic success of North Springs High School. As a corporate attorney and forensic accountant I bring a background of professional experience in governance and advisory practice. Our students deserve professional and competent representation on the board in order to overcome real and present challenges our school is currently facing. The school needs to improve academic achievement levels and support in counseling and administrative functions. I along with the current members of the SGC will work to achieve a greater level of communication and cooperation with the staff to ensure our student's successful future.

2. Miriam Salpeter { miriam_salpeter@yahoo.com; (678) 900-2798

I have volunteered in governance roles in our school system for the past 10 years and hope to continue to serve on North Springs' Governance Council. Our family has a lot vested in NSCHS's success. With two boys at NSCHS and a 6th grader at Sandy Springs Charter Middle School, I'll be the mom of a Spartan until 2024! Currently, I am chair of North Springs' Governance Council. I am tasked with steering our efforts to revise the school's strategic plan. Last year, as co-chair of North Springs' council, I was lead author of our seed fund proposal, which resulted in North Springs winning a \$170,000 grant to use for science and math coaches. Prior to that, I served as communication chair of Sandy Springs Charter Middle School's Governance Council and chair of the Governance Board at Dunwoody Springs Elementary School. I also volunteered for many years in various executive and committee roles on PTA. A business owner, with a master's degree from Columbia University and the author of seven books, I leverage marketing, writing, editing and communication expertise to assist our council in accomplishing its goals. I flexibly adjust my schedule to attend all meetings, participate in projects and community events to help our school achieve our strategic objectives and respond to community members in a timely way. I hope to have the opportunity to continue to partner with Governance Council members, administration, faculty, staff, students and other parents on behalf of our school.

Teachers

1. Scott Greb { Grebs@fultonschools.org; (954) 683-9606

I am an educator with over 10 years experience servicing high risk students in the middle school, high school, and post-secondary school settings. I studied and majored in Exceptional Student Education at Florida State University and obtained a Masters degree in Special Education with a focus in Low incidence disabilities and transition. I have 6 years experience as a small business entrepreneur focused on creating after school and summer curriculum/educational programming for students with disabilities in the north Fulton region. I am passionate about providing a voice for our at risk students and see no better time to serve on this council than as our school enters this monumental transitional phase. I would love to have the opportunity to take an even bigger role in

the direction, guidance and vision of North Springs Charter High School and find the Governance Council to be one of the best ways to make a positive impact.

2. Joel King { kingj1@fultonschools.org; (470) 464-1596 }

I have been in education for 10 years, I have taught both college and high school level courses. I have experience around a wide variety of students. I am an excellent collaborator and I wanted to expand my abilities as an educator by diving into leadership. I would also love to serve as a faculty voice in shaping the vision of North Springs for the future.

3. JoAndrea Smith { smithandrea@fultonschools.org; (678) 978-2298 }

After over 15 years of service to this school and to Fulton County, I am committed to furthering the success of North Springs. My children attended this school many years ago, despite the fact that their home school was very strong, because of the diversity of the students, faculty, and academic offerings. I see this as a strength, but feel we have not used it to our advantage and remain unknown to many in the surrounding communities. I very much think outside the box when it comes to problem solving, so I feel I would be an asset to the governance board. I am very outspoken and would be a fierce advocate for us. My strongest attribute is my community organizing so I feel it is time I contribute to my workplace I love so much.