

Autrey Mill Middle School
School Governance Council Candidates
Voting Window: March 24-March 31, 2021



Teacher Candidates

Adriana Alarcon

My name is Adriana Alarcon, I am originally from Colombia have worked for the Fulton County BOE since 2008. As a teacher and parent of a 9th and a 12th grader, I am focused on moving the school district forward and educating all students to meet high standards. What better place to start than the School Governance Council? I believe I have a sound judgment, an even temper, the willingness to collaborate and a sincere interest in public education in our community. I believe that a great school governance council member has a clear vision for the school and should strive to ensure success for all school population by focusing on student achievement and implementing sound policies that benefit not only students, but also faculty and staff. I will strive to create a collaborative environment by working as a team member and being respectful of the other board members. This is a team effort; we all need to work together to achieve the results our school deserves. Thank you!

Kristen Barksdale

Over 18 years with FCS, I have held positions as an SEC and a GE teacher. As an educator at Haynes Bridge Middle School, I held leadership positions as SEC Department Head, Community Outreach Liaison, ran a monthly food drive for North Fulton Community Charities for 3 years, and presented at staff development for the county and school level. At Autrey Mill Middle School, I have presented at staff development for the county and within our school in addition to having served as a PLC lead for 7th grade language arts. I have acted as a mentor to new teachers in the departments with which I have been involved as well. I wish to serve on the SGC for AMMS to be both a listening ear and a voice for the educators in our building, to help discuss and monitor the school's strategic plan, be aware of the school's budget recommendations, and be a part of our school's Request for Flexibility process.

Danelle Chereck

I have had the pleasure of being a teacher for over twenty years in Fulton County. I want to grow and become a more active member of the Autrey Mill Community. Applying for the School Governance Council position would give me the opportunity to be a more integral member. I have taught 5th grade, so I know where our students come from both academically and developmentally. Teaching 6th and 7th grade and math and science has allowed me to see the diverse needs of our middle schoolers. I have learned the importance of doing what is best for my students. I believe in our PLC model and thrive in collaborating with my peers. Being a part of School Governance Council could further my impact on our school climate. My attention to detail and strong organizational skills would be assets. The opportunity to develop and monitor our school strategic plan as well as examining the annual budget would allow me to grow in a new and challenging direction.

Vanessa Edwards

Vanessa Edwards has served as choral director at Autrey Mill MS since 2014. Vanessa has taught in Fulton County since 2005. At AMMS, she serves as choral director and assists with the after-school musical program. Vanessa attended McNeese State University, earning a Bachelors of Music Education and two levels of Kodaly and VoiceCare Training. Vanessa Edwards has taught in 10 different schools in Northwest and Northeast PLCs as an itinerant general music teacher, serving on several different connections/specials teams. She has also served in a leadership capacity as GMEA secretary and choral division chair. She served as a teacher representative on the Autrey Mill MS School Governance Council from 2015- 2018. Vanessa would like to offer her candidacy to the School Governance Council in a continued effort to support the excellent work being done at Autrey Mill Middle School. She is truly invested in creating an environment that encourages students to be the most successful.

