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EduPAC Announces Candidate Assessments for District 2, Atlanta Board of Education

Atlanta - EduPAC, a nonpartisan, independent political organization representing more than 30 of Atlanta's most influential and engaged individuals in the civic, community and business community, announced its candidate ratings today for the Atlanta Board of Education, District 2. The special election will be held on Nov. 8, 2011.

"EduPAC board of directors and stakeholders take their responsibilities seriously when assessing candidates who have qualified for the Atlanta Board of Education," said William "Sonny" Walker, founder and principal of Sonny Walker Group and chair of EduPAC. "We have an 18-year history of bringing Atlanta's most respected leaders in the community together to assess school board candidate qualifications."

EduPAC recently assessed candidates for the District 2, Atlanta Board of Education. Three of the five candidates who qualified to run in this election chose to participate in the EduPAC written questionnaire and interviews. These three candidates, [Byron Amos](#), [Angela Brown](#) and [Dwanda Farmer](#), participated in the EduPAC assessments. Two of the candidates, Michael Jeter and Donald Walker, chose not to participate.

"After extensive deliberations of the candidates' interview responses coupled with questionnaire responses, the EduPAC board found all three candidates **suitable** for board service, but EduPAC was unable to endorse a single candidate," said Curley Dossman, president, Georgia-Pacific Foundation, and co-chair of EduPAC.

"We very much appreciate these three candidates taking time to conscientiously respond to the EduPAC questionnaire and participate in a rigorous interview with the EduPAC board of directors and community stakeholders," said Walker. "We thank them for their participation."

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“EduPAC sets a high bar in assessing school board candidates and this rating reflects our assessments,” stated Dossman.

EduPAC always includes some of Atlanta’s top community, civic and business leaders. In previous election cycles, notable Atlantans such as the legendary baseball great Hank Aaron helped with EduPAC’s public awareness campaign and former Ambassador Andrew Young assisted with phone banking.

For more information about EduPAC, visit www.edupacatlanta.org.

Following is EduPAC’s 2011 board of directors and community stakeholders:

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Co-Chairman
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Curley Dossman, Jr.
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Georgia-Pacific Foundation

Henrietta Antoinin
Atlanta Civil Rights Community

Paula Lawton Bevington
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Justine Boyd
YWCA of Metro Atlanta

Jim Breedlove
Fernbank Museum of Natural
History

Helen Butler
Coalition for the People’s Agenda

Rhonda Copenny
Butler Street YMCA

Leona Barr-Davenport
Atlanta Business League

Joyce Dorsey
Fulton Atlanta Community Action
Authority

John Grant
100 Black Men of Atlanta

Joseph Handy
Georgia Aquarium

Greg Hawkins
100 Black Men of Atlanta

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YMCA of Metro Atlanta

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