

Ella Smith

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PRIMARY GOAL AS A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

If elected, Ella's primary goal would be to set policies, procedures and a budget to allow the school system to educate our children in DeKalb County to the highest standards possible.

Profile

- Ella is qualified and willing to serve the citizens of District 9 in DeKalb County as their school board candidate
- Ella would represent many stakeholders in district 9 as a taxpayer/property owner, parent, educator, and as a multiple disabled individual who has worked her whole life to learn despite her learning issues and her physical limitations. Ella does believe that every child should have an equal opportunity to an education and every child can learn.
- Knowledgeable in Behavior Analysis and scientific procedures
- Highly certified in Special Education K-12 science
- Experience in and excellent understanding of 504 statutes and Special Education Laws
- Experience as Student Support Team Chairperson
- Experience working with committees to come up with strategic plans and SAC reviews
- Experience coordinating programs at school site
- Eager to continue growing professionally
- Years of experience as a teacher, parent, and coach which has taught her different ways to motivate individuals and to work with different personalities successfully
- Experienced as a parent (of 4 children) (Ella still has one child attending the Dekalb County School System)

Teaching Certification in Georgia

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION (P-12)
SP ED SCIENCE COGNITIVE LEVEL (P-5, 4-8, 6-12)
SP ED GENERAL CURRICULUM (P-12) CONSULTATIVE
SP ED LEARNING DISABILITIES (P-12) CONSULTATIVE
SP ED BEHAVIOR DISORDERS (P42) CONSULTATIVE
SP ED ADAPTED CURRICULUM (P-12) CONSULTATIVE

Recognition, Awards, Participation after High School

- **Finalist in Homecoming at Eastern Kentucky University**
- **Cheerleader at Eastern Kentucky University and the Cincinnati Bengals**
- **Finalist in Miss Kentucky World Contest**
- **6AAA Cheerleading Coach of the Year**
- **Miss Estill County 1973**

Recognition, Awards, Participation in High School (Estill County High School, Irvine, Kentucky)

- **Cheerleader (4 years)**
- **Band (3 years)**
- **Outstanding Cheerleader 1973**
- **Snowball Queen 1973**
- **Most Popular Student 1973**
- **4-H County Winner in Sewing**
- **Chorus Member in High School**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ella has 30 years of experience in the trenches as a regular education Biology, Health and Physical Education Teacher, Special Education Teacher and coach in Georgia, Florida and North Carolina.

EDUCATION

**Argosy University 2010
Ed.S. Administration and Leadership**

**Central Michigan University 2006
Masters of Art Instruction and Curriculum-with emphasis
on Adult Learning
Atlanta, GA**

**Eastern Kentucky University 1979
Bachelor of Science Health and Physical Education with
a coaching endorsement
Richmond, KY**

INTERESTS

Reform of the Dekalb County School System, spending time with family and friends, gardening, boating, and advocating for needs of children

KEYWORD SUMMARY

Ella would love the opportunity to talk to any person who has concerns about the DeKalb County School System that that individual would like to share information with her. Please email her at ella.smith@att.net or call her at 404-550-5931 or 404-634-4418 and she will be glad to discuss your concerns.