

### **Questions for Candidates for Board of Education – District 4:**

1. What do you feel are the top three issues facing the Glynn County school system?

**Regina Johnson:**

- Quality and relevant education for ALL students\
- Transparent and accessible governance
- School Climate

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2. Many students are graduating high school without the skills necessary to compete successfully in the workplace. What do you propose to address this problem?

**Johnson:**

- Listen!!! to students and community interest concerns/ needs to build partnerships to address the identified problem.
- Develop relevant and long-term internships and work-study program in collaboration with families and business
- Look at the data to determine its effectiveness to monitor and adjust.

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3. Have you examined the current school system budget? How are the Board of Education priorities reflected in that budget? What would you add or change?

**Johnson:**

- The current year, July 2017-June2018 \$159.5 million budget is not line itemed. Therefore, it is hard to analyze if it meets educational priorities established by the Strategic Plan. Glynn County has 2017 Star Rating by the Georgia Department of Education of 2.5 for Financial Efficiency. Therefore, I can only analyze that we are doing "O.K" That is not good enough for me. Quality equates with excellence in my book.
- I would look at individual school budgets in my district to see how funds are spent that impact instruction along with the use of Title I funds
- Finally, the upcoming budget has not been voted on, publicized or ready for citizen comment.

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4. What would you do to increase citizens' knowledge about School Board activities and inform citizens about how the School Board is spending citizens' tax dollars?

**Johnson:**

- Provide, encourage and support community focused information sessions to assess needs, challenges and opportunities
- Attend PTSA meetings with opportunities for citizen review
- Present system and school budget to staff, families and student for review and comment.

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5. Are the current measures of student achievement the right ones? What would you change or add?

**Johnson:**

- The reported current measures of student achievement (CCRPI) are mandated. It is reported by the Office of Student Achievement (GDOE) that Glynn County is rated with the letter grade of "C". Glynn County is better than average and the education we provide for ALL our children must reflect Quality.
- I would provide greater teacher input and flexibility in the development and implementation of curriculum to address the Standard to meet diverse student needs.
- Start early by providing quality PreK programs for All students (Universal PreK) in our community

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6. What ideas would you propose for the Glynn County school system to better align its curriculum with the need for a more advanced workforce in Glynn County?

**Johnson:**

- We have begun with the Golden Isles Career Academy and dual enrollment at the College of Coastal Georgia as well as Coastal Pines Technical College. We must advance our collaboration with Workforce Development initiatives in the community and the Department of Labor which has its eyes, ears and hands on the pulse of labor.

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