



EmpowerED Georgia is unlike any other education-focused organization in Georgia. We're truly grassroots, non-partisan, student-focused, and made up of parents, teachers, and community members from across the state.



Empower Through Georgia-Driven Advocacy

We believe that true education reform must be spearheaded by Georgia's students, parents, teachers, and community members who have a vested interest in ensuring a high quality public education system, not out-of-state special interest groups who are driven by money and political agendas that seek to divide our communities and break up our schools.



Protect Georgia's Constitutional Promise

Article 8, Section 1 of the Georgia Constitution states that it is the "state's primary obligation to provide for an adequate public education for every child." As Georgians, we believe it's our duty to ensure that our elected representatives keep this promise enshrined in our constitution. Georgia's elected officials have a moral and constitutional obligation to protect the promise of a quality public education for every child; too often, they instead focus on promoting the false promises of privatization which only provide opportunities for some children.



Ensure Great Schools for All Kids

We believe every child in Georgia has a right to attend a great community public school. Our students deserve small class sizes, quality teachers, recess, relevant and engaging coursework, and a flexible curriculum to meet their individual needs. Schools must become more than buildings that sit empty in the late afternoons, weekends, and summer months and become true community learning centers that invite businesses, nonprofits, and civic organizations into their doors to expand opportunities and meet the needs of area children.



Set Our Students Up for Success

We believe our current pressure and punish testing model isn't working. Our teachers and students are more than a score. They are suffering from over-testing and over-standardization at the expense of autonomous teaching and personalized student learning. A diagnostic approach to standardized testing, high quality professional development, and standards that allow for remediation or enrichment will lay the foundation for true academic achievement.



Trust Our Teachers and Treat Them as Professionals

Teachers are often called "professionals" but have not had the opportunity to shape the future of their profession. In countless other fields, policymakers and the public seek the guidance of those on the frontlines, but in education, teachers' input has been restricted to follow-up surveys or political lip service. Teachers, parents, and students know that good teaching conditions intrinsically lead to better learning conditions. Instead of the current one-size-fits-all evaluation tool that over-emphasizes test scores and can be easily used as a gotcha tool, our teachers deserve a personalized evaluation tool that rewards professional growth and elevates the profession.



Build Partnerships Over Partisanship

Providing a quality public education for every child isn't just a Republican issue or a Democratic issue but is an issue that parents, teachers, and community members from all political stripes care deeply about. Though public education has become a political issue, it should not be a partisan one -- we will continue to reach out to those on the left, right, and the center to forge strong partnerships to strengthen public education in our state. Georgia's 1.7 million public school students do not come to us a little Democrats or little Republicans, but do offer a large opportunity for adults to find common ground for a common purpose.

Thousands of parents, teachers, & community members have joined. Add your voice at:

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