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1. I am Sherman Collins Jr. former (2013-2017) District 1 School Board Member, where I had the pleasure of serving two terms as Vice President. I earned a B.S degree in Business Management/Administration from Samford University. I am a proud BCS parent and volunteer basketball coach/mentor at SunValley Elementary school. I own and operate a District 1 business and am a member of Masonic lodge Geometry 410.

2. I do not have any current endorsements.

3. The Board's roles and responsibilities. To set policy; Hire and fire the Superintendent, CFO, and Board Attorney.

4. There are several areas of concern for the students of District one. First our students need a voice on the Birmingham Board of Education. The concerns of our students and parents have gone unresolved. We have the largest High school, Middle school, and possibly the largest Elementary school in the City of Birmingham and it appears we receive the least amount of programming and resources. We are currently in need of a new Middle school. The two middle schools where our students attend are old and very much outdated. A new Middle school would alleviate overcrowded classrooms and help to encourage learning. Our students need programming in our Middle schools that mirror what is available in our High school.

5. The Birmingham Board of Education and the Birmingham City Schools play an enormous role in the community and public safety. Our School System affects almost every aspect of the community. For example if our School System does well our home property values increase. If our System performs poorly property values suffer. I believe there is a partnership between the School System and our parents. This partnership requires and obligates us to teach, support, and encourage our students to be productive citizens. We have to create a culture and climate that opens the door for learning and that ensures the safety of all our staff and students.

6. As a Board Member I will advocate for ALL students.

7. I am for public education.

