

LaChandra D. Butler Burks

"A Voice for OUR Children"

Born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia, LaChandra Butler Burks' passion for children and commitment to education has been evident all of her life. As a product of Atlanta Public Schools, she considers it an honor to now serve as a member of the Atlanta Board of Education because it allows her to fight daily to have quality, public education for the children of a city she dearly loves. It is her strong belief that everyone must be involved in making sure that children are whole and well.



On November 8, 2005, the residents of Atlanta elected LaChandra out of six candidates with 58% of the votes as the Atlanta Board of Education District 5 Representative. A graduate of L.P. Miles Elementary School and C.L. Harper High School with a Bachelors Degree from State University of West Georgia, (formerly West Georgia College) and a Masters of Business Administration, Butler Burks received most of her political experience from having worked under the leadership of three Atlanta mayors for 13 years.

On the Atlanta Board of Education, LaChandra holds the position of Chair of the Atlanta Public Schools' Budget Commission where she is responsible for facilitating her colleagues in setting and overseeing the school system's \$585 million general fund operating budget. She is also a member of the Atlanta Public Schools' Audit Commission.

In addition to her work as Chair of the Atlanta Board of Education, LaChandra serves on the Board of Directors for the Atlanta Development Authority, the Homeless Opportunity Fund and Atlanta Beltline, Inc.

Butler Burks is the Deputy Director for the Atlanta Office of Enterprise Community Partners, a national organization that works strategically to see that all people have the opportunity for fit and affordable housing. Enterprise Atlanta has invested more than \$150 million to help seven community-based organizations produce more than 5,000 affordable homes. Enterprise also works to forge partnerships that address a broad array of community development issues including education, community safety, economic development, employment and resident empowerment.