

# BOARD OF EDUCATION

## spotlight

★ **How long have you served on the Board of Education?**

I joined the Board in August 2014.

★ **What motivated you to run for the Board of Education?**

With encouragement from one of my mentors, I decided to run for the Board of Education because I wanted to give back not only to the school system, but to the Houston County community who has shaped me into the person and businessman I am today. I wanted to be a part of a team that would continue to provide the rich tradition of advancing educational opportunities to all students.

★ **What are you most proud of during your time of service?**

I am most proud of how our school district continually creates an environment for students who wish to become educators in the future. It has been a great joy to see former students come back to Houston County, showing their passion for education and teaching the future leaders of tomorrow.

★ **When you brag on our schools, what do you say?**

When I speak about the Houston County School District, I always highlight that no matter the interest, skill or educational level of the student and where they attend school, we offer an educational track that is best suited for the individual. I like the fact that we work closely with our community leaders to involve students and create career opportunities for them thrive in society.

★ **What hobbies or interests do you have?**

I enjoy spending time with family, hunting, reading, and woodworking.

★ **Tell us about your family.**

I met my wife, Missi Upshaw, at Georgia Southern University and we have been married for 24 years. Missi works at Atrium Health, Navicent at the Beverly Knight Olson Children's Hospital and I am the owner of Upshaw General Contracting & Roofing. We have two children, Mitchell and Alyssa. Mitchell, graduate of Northside High School, is a Sophomore at Auburn University majoring in Professional Flight and Alyssa is a Sophomore at Northside High School. Both Missi and I are former graduates of the Houston County School District and we are proud to have our children follow suit.



*Bryan Upshaw*

District 7, At Large