**Brief Bio of Eshé P. Collins**

Ms. Eshé P. Collins represents South Atlanta, Educational District 6, on the Atlanta Board of Education. An Atlanta native and former teacher in Atlanta Public Schools, Eshé never wavered from her strong passion for education.  Beginning at a young age, she always knew the value of a solid education: a challenging curriculum, a system of great teachers, and strong family and community involvement.  She understands the impact of quality education in realizing the potential of our city and excited to leverage her passion and experience to provide all students in Atlanta with the education they deserve.

Eshé’s work within urban settings has been the combination of her classroom, policy and legal experience on issues that address student achievement and equity in education.  Currently, Eshé serves as Georgia State University’s Project Director for Jumpstart, an early education program, and responsible for the daily operations and management of the program. Prior to joining Jumpstart, Eshé taught at A.D. Williams Elementary School, as a Teach for America corps member, in the Bowen Homes community. She analyzed national education issues and advocated for accessible healthcare at the Children’s Defense Fund.  Also, Eshé worked in Cape Town, South Africa, where she helped refugee women and children access quality services and enrollment in local schools and communities.

In pursuit of her passion, Eshé earned a B.A. in Psychology from Spelman College, M.S. in Urban Teacher Leadership from Georgia State University and J.D., *cum laude*, from North Carolina Central University School of Law. She holds Georgia educator certifications in Early Childhood Education and Educational Leadership and a license to practice law in the state of Georgia.

Eshé is a woman of many accomplishments and continues to be an avid servant throughout the community.