



December 17, 2011

Dear Educators,

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving and are looking forward to Christmas. Let me first thank you for the confidence many of you have placed in me the past 7 years on the County Commission. I have worked extremely hard to improve our schools in Tuscaloosa County by providing needed resources for capital improvements, maintenance and operating expenses.

I recently announced my candidacy for Probate Judge, which also serves as Commission Chairman. I can't begin to tell you how important the 2012 elections are, beginning with the March 13 Republican primary. A main reason I decided to run is because I have 3 children in our schools and want to see continued improvement. In fact, my oldest daughter convinced me to run. She simply asked, "**Daddy, who will serve the people better?**" I knew then I had to run.

WHEN others have been actively opposed or remained silent, I have fought to:

- fund major capital improvements, such as Northport and Lake View Elementaries, Duncanville Middle, Sipse Valley, Rock Quarry and South View Middle, etc. Most recently we have funded a new Brookwood High and TCT.
- assist with campus improvements at Northside, Walker, Huntingdon, Verner, Westwood and other schools all across our county.
- provide needed operational funds to retain teachers and staff in the face of significant cutbacks in state funding due to the poor economy. We didn't replace all the losses, but we certainly made the cutbacks less severe.
- convince legislators, in 2012, to restore classroom supply funds, provide needed textbooks, modify recent changes made to retirement, and clarify the gift rules.

As a parent, I am concerned about the needs of our growing school populations, federal mandates, and the need to restore public confidence in education through accountability and transparency. At the same time, we must respect educators, NOT treat the student-teacher relationship as the equivalent of a lobbyist-legislator when it comes to Christmas. Neither can we always depend on the federal and state government to take care of OUR CHILDREN. I am a CPA, not a career politician or a good ol' boy. We must do what's necessary to make sure your government lives up to its responsibilities to the people we are elected to serve.

Finally, I've spent 20 years working with small businesses. We need profitable businesses to provide the tax revenues needed to fund our schools! Our businesses are getting slammed by excessive regulation & burdensome tax systems. They will have an advocate, just as our children will, when I am elected Probate Judge.

***I'm a parent and a small businessman, and I need your help!***

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RESPONSE FORM:

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YES! I want to help elect Don Wallace as our next Probate Judge in Tuscaloosa County!

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