

### **Lance Hammonds Bio**

Lance Hammonds believes that our children and schools are our community's most important assets. Hammonds grew up in the Housing Projects in South Central Los Angeles during a time when gangs were on the rise and walking to school was a daily challenge. He often looks back on those days and wonders how he made it out when so many of his friends become addicted to drugs, spent time in prison or were killed. Hammonds truly believes it was only by the grace of God and loving parents who understood that education was the key to a better life. He believes education is still the key to the future for our children and the growth of our community.

Hammonds attended the University of Redlands in Riverside California, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with a minor in Chemistry. He also earned an MBA Degree from Keller Graduate of Business and has worked for global fortune 500 corporations for over 40 years, in various sales and marketing positions. Hammonds is currently part of a commodity trading team that markets sulfuric acid in the SE United States. He has always used his analytical and business skills for the benefit of his community.

Hammonds has used his skills as PTA president at every school his children have attended, as well as in leadership positions in his homeowner's associations, as President of the DeKalb County Chapter of Alpha Phi Alphas Fraternity Inc., and as a Board Member of the Eastlake and South DeKalb YMCA's. He currently serves as Safety Committee Chair of the Water's Edge Homeowners Association and Education Chair of the DeKalb NAACP where he implemented the Community School Volunteer Program that has signed up over 150 volunteers for DeKalb County schools.

Hammonds and his family moved to Lithonia in 1984 and spent many years as a dynamic member of that community. He currently resides in the Stone Mountain area where he continues to be active in his community. Hammonds is happily married to Freda Hammonds and they have 4 children and 7 grandchildren.