

## News from State Senator Tim Golden

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### Educators Endorse Golden

Valdosta, GA -- **State Senator Tim Golden** (D-Valdosta) announced today that the Georgia Association of Educators (GAE) Fund for Public Education has endorsed his campaign for re-election to a fourth term in the State Senate.

In making the announcement, Dr. Chase Williams, President of GAE, stated, "The GAE endorsement was based on Senator Golden's commitment to continuing the improvement of Georgia's public schools. We deeply appreciate Senator Golden's commitment to Georgia's children, educators and their future."

"Senator Golden has always been a good friend and strong advocate for teachers by supporting sound educational policies during his fourteen years in the Legislature," said Rosetta Coyne, a Brooks County teacher and President of the Brooks County teacher association, who continued, "Senator Golden backed the creation of the HOPE scholarship program and continues to support it. He has advocated for smaller class sizes, and pressed for many other issues of importance to the education community during his tenure in office. This endorsement is well deserved."

Golden was endorsed based on his voting record during the 2003-2004 session of the Legislature. Golden was one of only twelve members of the State Senate to score a 100% voting record on GAE backed issues during the past session of the Legislature.

"I am proud to once again have the support and endorsement of teachers throughout the 8<sup>th</sup> District," said Golden. "I will continue in my efforts to help improve student achievement, improve retirement benefits, and make sure our schools are safe and free of violence as well as supporting our classroom teachers. I am grateful for the support and friendship of the educational community."

Golden is seeking a fourth term in the State Senate. Prior to serving in the State Senate, Golden was a four term member of the Georgia House of Representatives. He has served on both the Senate and House Higher Education Committees.

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