## **Press Release**



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## Complaint filed against David Chastain for violating Campaign Finance Act

**Marietta, GA -** Dr. Catherine Pozniak has filed a complaint with the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission regarding multiple violations of the Campaign Finance Act by David Chastain.

The complaint outlines violations by David Chastain, including accepting contributions in excess of the limit for school board campaigns. David Chastain failed to file a Form COOSA (Choosing Option of Separate Accounting) and declare his intent to keep separate accounting for each election within the election cycle.

The complaint also includes documentation that David Chastain is operating and collecting campaign contributions under the guise of multiple campaign committees, none of which are registered with the Georgia Campaign Finance Commission as stipulated in rule. No candidate may have more than one campaign committee.

"As a five-time candidate for public office, David Chastain is well aware of the rules of Georgia's Campaign Finance Act. The donors that gave David Chastain campaign contributions in excess of the campaign contribution limits are not just any donors. They are donors who benefitted from a no-bid contract David Chastain authorized as a member of the Cobb County Board of Education to draw a map that is not even the responsibility of the school board," said Pozniak.

"David Chastain's disregard for campaign finance laws raises serious questions about his leadership and conduct as Chairman of the Cobb County Board of Education, which oversees the district's \$1.5 billion budget."

## **About Dr. Catherine Pozniak**

Dr. Catherine Pozniak is a candidate running for Cobb County School Board Post 4, which covers Northeast Cobb County.

Pozniak was raised in Cobb County where she attended Kincaid Elementary and Daniell Middle School. She is a graduate of Sprayberry High School, Class of 1997.

Pozniak attended college at the University of Sydney where she graduated with first class honors. She earned a master's degree from the University of Cambridge and a Doctor of Education Leadership from Harvard University.

Pozniak began her career as a teacher and served as assistant state superintendent managing finance for a state education agency before moving back to Cobb County. Her expertise is in education finance and fiscal policy, and she works with states and school districts across the country on education finance matters.

In addition, Pozniak serves as a captain in the United States Army Reserve, where she is an education officer for Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command.

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