Lisa Morgan is the current President of the Georgia Association of Educators (GAE), a state affiliate of the National Education Association. Before taking the helm as the leader of Georgia’s pre-eminent statewide teaching organization, she was a classroom teacher for twenty-one years. An early childhood educator, she has taught pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and first grade. For the past nineteen years, she has taught in the Midway community in DeKalb County. First and foremost, she views her role as an educator to inspire a love of learning and self-confidence in her students. All children who enter her classroom are surrounded with love, encouragement, and a belief in their ability to succeed.

Ms. Morgan has held various positions over the past seventeen years in the Organization of DeKalb Educators, the Georgia Association of Educators, and the National Education Association. As a local and state leader, she has been focused on improving teaching and learning conditions through reductions in class sizes, eliminating the emphasis on standardized testing, and incorporating the professional voice of educators in the policy-making process. She has ended almost every comment to the local board of education with the statement that “A child is more than a test score, a teacher is more than a class average, and a school is more than a CCRPI score.” Her work experiences in schools labeled “failing” and “priority” have led her to champion solutions that address the school community holistically to address the challenges of poverty, transiency, and lack of resources faced by these schools.

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