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tional process as grade parents, PTO member, PTO officer or volunteer, how else will our children know we care?

"The Kings Mountain School System is one of which I am very proud of. This is an exciting time in our system with the passing of the school bond referendum allowing our system to make needed capital improvements, the expansion of Kings Mountain Senior High, Kings Mountain Junior High for the transition of the high school to grades 9-12 and Junior High to grades 6-8 to a middle school.

"I see this an opportunity to serve my community, my children and give something back to the school system that gave me an education."

Houze, 35, has served as pastor of First Baptist Church of Lawndale for nine years. He and his wife, Karen Cole Houze, and their children, Brian, a second grader at Grover School, Kenya, a 6th grader at Central School, and Brandon, 4, reside in Grover. Mrs. Houze has been a teacher's assistant at Grover School for 14 years and Houze is a past president of Grover PTO.

A graduate of Kings Mountain High School and Gardner Webb College, Houze is completing work on his master's in divinity degree from Southeastern Theological Seminary at Wake Forest.

"The reason I chose to enter the School board race is not so much to initiate any significant change but to serve as a representative who will do all within my power to hear from the community at-large as to their feelings and desires concerning growth and change within our school system," said Houze. "I feel the next 2-10 years will be a time of challenge and change that will call for strong 'people relationships' between the board and community, board and faculty, board and students, and board and parents. We have a great school system of which I am proud to have been a product of. Now I am willing to be a servant of the community for that system."

Miller, a teacher in the Charlotte/Mecklenburg School District, has 40 years experience as an educator and is certified as a teacher, principal and supervisor.

He was a team leader for the National Teacher Corporation for five years and is an ordained Baptist minister. He is the father of six children, each of whom is a college graduate.

Born in No. 5 Township, he is the son of the late Dedrick and Lillie Miller of Kings Mountain and graduated from Ebenezer Elementary School in Kings Mountain, attended Washington High School in Waco and graduated from Carver High School in Kannapolis, Woods Barber College of Charlotte and earned his B. S. and M. S. degrees from N.C. A & T University. He has completed advance studies at Princeton, Seton Hall, Temple, Montclair State, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Jersey City State, Central Piedmont, UNCC and is presently a candidate for a doctorate degree at N. C. State University. He is youth supervisor of Third District Sunday School and BTU Congress of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist State Convention and a member of Pyramid Lodge 13, King Williams AF&AM. He is a member of NEA, NCAE, Charlotte/Mecklenburg AE and NCAE, and a member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity. He was organizer and president of the interracial, non-profit "Tee to Green" Golf Association of Cleveland County.

Miller, in a filing statement, said, "I am of the opinion that my training, experience, expertise and concern can be helpful to the Kings Mountain School Board. I will strive to develop a higher awareness and practice of moral principles among our youth and society as a whole. As an administrator, supervisor, teacher and student of technology I will work to influence and enhance the "High Technology Concept" in the education program. As an educator and native of Kings Mountain, I will bring 40 years experience to assist with the policy making of the school board. I will strive for equal representation of all human resources in our education system. As a member of the Board of Education I will utilize the influence of minorities in making policies that will affect the education of all students. I would like to see the feelings of all segments of the School District reflected in the decisions made by the Board of Education."



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