



# BUCKHEAD COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS

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## **Thank You For A Job Well Done**

The Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods (BCN) is comprised of neighborhood associations, which represent the citizens of the twenty-eight square mile community in Atlanta called Buckhead. Founded in 2008, we have been active in many areas affecting the public, especially issues involving transportation and education. Last Thursday evening, July 14<sup>th</sup>, the BCN Board of Directors voted unanimously to recognize The Atlanta Journal Constitution for distinguished service.

Moreover, I am writing to convey the sincere appreciation that the BCN and Buckhead residents have for your newspaper's outstanding work in exposing systematic test cheating in the Atlanta School System (APS). Without your perseverance and willingness to withstand intense pressure from many fronts, the public may never have been aware of this institutional deceit.

Through the involvement of state and local authorities mobilized by your series of articles, we expect that those who did wrong by misleading the public and cheating their students will be appropriately punished. We hope that APS' many honorable and dedicated teachers and administrators, with community involvement and insights from your newspaper, will restore our school system to a position of integrity and effectiveness.

In addition to your editorial staff and publisher, we especially extend our thanks to the writers and researchers who uncovered this story and made it public. We believe that a Pulitzer Prize should be awarded in recognition of this outstanding work.

Sincerely,

**Jim King**  
Chairman, BCN