

History of

Louise Radloff Middle School

Louise Radloff Middle School opened its doors for the first time on August 9, 2004, with more than 1,000 middle school students in grades 6, 7, and 8. A beautiful facility located near Interstate 85 in Duluth, it sits on 35 acres with over 177,000 square feet of space to support teaching and learning. Our school was originally financed by the New York Times and served as the headquarters for the Gwinnett Daily News. Upon securing the property to relieve overcrowding in the Meadowcreek Cluster schools, the Gwinnett County Board of Education voted unanimously to name the school after one of Georgia's longest serving school board members— Louise Radloff of District V.

Mrs. Radloff's commitment to Gwinnett's children began with her own family and her involvement in local school PTA activities and leadership. From PTA President, Louise Radloff became the first Republican elected to public office in Gwinnett. She has been a mainstay on Gwinnett's Board for over 30 consecutive years, serving eight times as Board chairman.

Her service to education has not been limited to GCPS. In fact, Mrs. Radloff has exhibited leadership at the state and national levels as well. She is a former district director and past president of the Georgia School Boards Association, as well as a member of the organization's Federal Relations Network. Her hard work

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The following have served as principals of Louise Radloff Middle School:	
2004–2011	Dr. Patty Heitmuller
2011–Present	Al Taylor
School Colors: Navy, Carolina Blue, and Silver	
School Mascot: Radloff Raider	

and advocacy for public schools earned Mrs. Radloff a place in the Georgia School Boards Association's Education Hall of Fame.

Louise Radloff has served on a wide array of boards, councils, committees, and coalitions, including the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education, Gwinnett County Board of Health, Gwinnett/Rockdale/Newton Community Service Board, Gwinnett Coalition for Health and Human Services, the United Way, the Gwinnett Children's Shelter, and the Chamber of Commerce. Especially dear to her heart is her involvement in the ministries of St. James Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Radloff has been honored with the county's most



distinguished awards. She was named Citizen of the Year by the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce, became the first person outside the development community chosen for the Council for Quality Growth's Button Gwinnett Award, and received the prestigious United Way Women's Legacy Award.

Because Mrs. Radloff is a "lighthouse" public servant, her school aspires to be a "Lighthouse School" by committing itself to attracting, hiring, retaining, and nurturing the best and brightest in the teaching profession; expecting all students to learn and perform at high levels; and adding value to its school community. Our school's number one belief is we serve the smartest kids in Gwinnett County, and everything we do is based on a thorough understanding of and commitment to them as our primary customers.

Louise Radloff's legacy will live on in the place of learning that bears her name. With this incredible woman's passion, determination, and commitment inspiring our school's foundation, Louise Radloff Middle School has a bright and promising future!