The Georgia Association of Educators announces a vacancy for a Director of Government Relations/External Coalitions/Research. The preferred candidate will have professional lobbyist skills, membership and organizing issues skills, be proficient in oral and written communications, possess excellent management skills, and be able to work well with people. GAE is a professional organization in Georgia representing 30,000 public school employees, retirees and students. This is a Management position and the successful candidate will be responsible for managing assigned staff. Salary negotiable commensurate with experience. GAE offers a competitive fringe benefits package including a defined benefit retirement plan, 401(k) plan, health, dental, and vision care coverage, life and disability insurance coverage, travel reimbursement, paid holidays and leaves, and more.

The Director of Government Relations/External Coalitions/Research will report directly to the Executive Director.

Required Qualifications:

- A four-year college degree or equivalent experience
- Three to five years successful experience as a full-time lobbyist
- Knowledge in legislative and governmental education issues
- Knowledge in political action committees laws and regulations
- Ability to work effectively in a bi-partisan environment
- Good verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to work cooperatively with diverse individuals
- Ability to work independently
- Technology skills including experience with Microsoft® programs

Preferred qualifications:

- Advocacy in membership organizing and promotion
- Experience training volunteers/members in lobbying and action campaigns
- Public relations, communications, and media skills
- Ability to develop and implement meaningful association programs
- Ability and experience in managing staff
- Ability and desire to meet strict deadlines
- Experience in budget development and implementation
- Experience in working for professional, non-profit, labor or education associations
- Knowledge of professional, non-profit, labor or education associations

The Director of Government Relations/External Coalitions/Research will be responsible for the following:

- Serve as chief lobbyist for GAE
- Manage staff and budget of Government Relations, and handle special assignments/issues for GAE as necessary
- Serve as liaison to Legislative Committee, GAE Fund for Public Education (GAE-FPE) and coordinate activities for these committees
- Serve as liaison to connect our members and staff with affiliate organizations and coalition partners
- Provide legislative information to various GAE constituencies
- Provide research data to support association activities
- Coordinate field support for legislative programs and lobby efforts
- Other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the GAE Executive Director (A detailed job description is available upon request)

Letters of interest including a resume and references should be submitted by email to GAEHR@gae.org.

GAE is an equal opportunity employer encouraging applicants from diverse groups of all ages, gender, races, ethnicities, and religious affiliations.