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## **State Senate 29 Republican Nominee Flowers to Cut Salary if Elected to Legislature, Donate to Aid Teachers in Purchasing Supplies**

**Dothan** – George Flowers, political newcomer and Republican nominee for State Senate District 29, announced on Thursday a plan to cut his legislative salary in any given year that the education budget must be prorated due to a over-budgeting and create a non-profit to aid teachers in purchasing classroom supplies.

The pay cut will equal the same percentage as proration and will be given to a non-profit “*Teachers in Need*” fund to be redistributed to teachers to help meet their classroom needs. Given the recent economic downturn, Alabama has been forced into proration repeatedly, and this fund would have meant an additional \$20,000 to assist teachers in Dale, Geneva and Houston Counties.

“I want the people of Senate District 29 to know that if they elect me to represent them, I am committed to looking out for the needs of our community first and foremost,” Flowers said. “Our economy is struggling, which directly impacts the education budget, and teachers and parents will be forced to make some cuts – so I’ll be right there with them.”

In a time when parents are already stretched too thin and teachers are shouldering a financial burden, Flowers noted that it was up to the community to rally together to fill the void. Children are the building blocks to the future of the Wiregrass, and it is critical that the teachers have the resources to ensure their success.

“This goes beyond just money,” Flowers said, “It’s about the future of our community and making sure that the classrooms are equipped with the resources and tools needed to educate our children.

“I want parents and teachers to know that they have a fighter for their children if I’m elected to the Alabama Senate, and that I am willing to make personal sacrifices so that we can meet their needs,” Flowers concluded. “I firmly believe that public servants should look out for the people first, and not themselves, but many in Montgomery have forgotten this principle. It is my hope by setting up this fund, and other initiatives, we can build a better community and a brighter future for our children.”

*To learn more about George and his campaign as a Republican in Alabama Senate District 29, please visit [www.flowersforsenate.com](http://www.flowersforsenate.com)*