

Mrs. Cofer Launches Race for School Board

Mrs. June Cofer, chairman of the Model Cities education subcommittee, has announced she is a candidate for the First Ward seat on the Atlanta Board of Education.

Mrs. Cofer launched her campaign Saturday at a barbecue given in the front yard of her home at 443 Oakland Ave. SE.

What she described as a "grass roots" affair attracted several dozen supporters, both Negro and white, from the several neighborhoods composing Atlanta's Model Cities Area.

Mrs. Cofer, who is white, will have Robert Waymer, a Negro and a former official of Economic Opportunity Atlanta, Inc., the antipoverty agency, as her campaign manager.

SHE SEEKS the school board

seat now occupied by Ed S. Cook Sr. She is not "running against" Cook, she said, but is running for the school board post because "I feel it truly necessary that we have some representation of ordinary citizens on the school board."

"What I have been saying," she said, "is that my friends asked me to run, my enemies dared me to run, and the condition of the school system today forced me to run."

Mrs. Cofer also is chairman of another Model Cities committee, that advising on development of the headquarters complex being developed at the intersection of Washington Street and Georgia Avenue.