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CCPS Commemorates the 60th Anniversary of the March on Washington

JONESBORO - Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) takes great pride in recognizing today, Monday, August 28, 2023, as the 60th anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, an event that included Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous "I Have a Dream Speech." The district's Department of Social Studies has compiled several resources that teachers and parents/guardians can utilize to commemorate this event with students at all grade levels in multiple subject areas.

"Awareness of the importance of this event in the history of our country cannot be stressed enough," said Dr. Anthony W. Smith, CCPS Superintendent/CEO of Schools. "Every student in our district needs to understand the dedication and sacrifices of the people who participated in the March and who heard, first hand, the inspiring words of Dr. King."

"I commend our Social Studies Department and all of our educators for bringing special focus on the events of this day so that our students, their families, and our employees, never forget," Dr. Smith added.

In addition to the substantial number of resources compiled, the Department of Social Studies has organized a student social media competition focusing on the "60th Anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom" and its impact on the fight for equality. The competition will last through the month of September.

About the March on Washington

Six decades ago, an estimated 250,000 people gathered at the Lincoln Memorial for the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in the nation's capital. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech that day, on August 28, 1963, has since emerged as a paramount symbol of the push for racial and social equality.

Dr. King's 1963 speech is credited with helping pave the way for major federal voting rights legislation, as well as the landmark 1964 Civil Rights Act. His speech continues to resonate — both serving as major symbols of America's push and pull toward justice. - *National Public Radio*

To access all materials, Please click the following link: [60th Anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.](#)

-An official document from the Clayton County Public School System-

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