



Clayton County Public Schools

Building A Better Tomorrow, Today!

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CCPS Kicks off Professional Learning for Project AIR (Actions Intended for Results) *Addressing Learning Loss Recovery and Optimizing Acceleration*

JONESBORO - Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is committed to substantially improving the academic performance of its students, which requires an intentional focus on proven practices that address learning loss and promote acceleration. On Saturday, October 21, 2023, CCPS launched its professional learning session for elementary and secondary teachers who will serve as instructors for Project AIR [Actions Intended for Results] Learning Loss Recovery and Acceleration Program. Several passionate educators from across the school district dedicated time during their weekend to learn among other colleagues to ensure they are equipped to make a meaningful impact on student learning. During the training, observers witnessed educators collaborating, leaning in and listening with intent, practicing lessons, and receiving timely feedback from their colleagues.

Based on observations and commentary from attendees, the professional learning experience was very successfully executed thanks to members of the Division of Teaching and Learning & Strategic Improvement, which include a combination of district leadership and school-based project leads. Educators appreciated the organization of the training, the hands-on learning experience, the high-quality resources, and the practical - yet powerful strategies that will aid in deeper learning among their day-to-day students and those who are attending the AIR Learning Loss Recovery and Acceleration Program.

Superintendent/CEO of Schools Dr. Anthony W. Smith emphasized, "Project AIR will not look like traditional recovery approaches, which tend to focus on remediation and water down the academic experience. Clayton County Public Schools recognizes that a remediation approach (focusing mostly on skill and drill) has not worked for us. We must do something fundamentally different. We must be innovative and light a spark in our students to help them "catch up" and have greater ease and success accessing grade-level content."

Superintendent Smith continued, "Building a better tomorrow, today requires that we provide our youth with experiences today that will prepare them for the world that awaits them tomorrow. At the end of the day, we want our students to be college and career-ready, and this requires that we create highly literate students who are thinkers and problem-solvers. Project AIR, which supports our Back to the B.A.S.I.C.S. [Building Academic Success through Intentional Classroom Strategies] approach to teaching and learning, will help us cultivate traits within our students that mirror our [Portrait of a Graduate](#), which is our aspiration for all students when they graduate from Clayton County Public Schools."

Project AIR will kick off the week of October 30, 2023, for high school students and Saturday, November 11, 2023, for elementary and middle school students. Educators will use performance data to pinpoint students' learning needs and use appropriate, student-centered strategies to target learning gaps and optimize learning for all.

To view images from the Project AIR Professional Learning, click the link below:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1s6zAuNBXwqSDumeVxgewBLgUsXkriCfQ?usp=share_link

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

About Clayton County Public Schools: Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by Cognia. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 50,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the sixth-largest school system in Georgia.

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