



Clayton County Public Schools

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CCPS Receives Over 4,000 Air Purifiers from Georgia Southern University Contract

JONESBORO- Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) values safety and providing scholars with the best learning environments that promote academic success and healthy students. Through continued partnership and collective work with Georgia Southern University and its Institute for Health Logistics & Analytics, CCPS will receive over 4,000 air purification units to be placed inside instructional spaces at our schools for the 2023-2024 school year. This is part of a \$15.7 million dollar contract between Georgia Southern University and the Georgia Department of Public Health to manage COVID-19 mitigation in Georgia's K-12 Schools.

"The health and safety of our students is of the utmost importance and we are excited to be able to provide our students and teachers with an environment conducive to teaching and learning successfully," said Dr. Anthony W. Smith, Superintendent/CEO of Clayton County Public Schools. "I commend the work of our Safety & Security Department, working in collaboration with Facilities Services, to ensure Clayton County was involved in this opportunity to receive these grant-funded purifiers."

Clayton County's share of air purification units equates to nearly \$6 million dollars and includes three years of air filter replacements for each unit. It should be noted that all public and private K-12 schools in Georgia were eligible to participate in the project upon successful sign-up with Georgia Southern.

"In order to prepare scholars to achieve their personal and academic goals, we must have healthy children that are able to attend school daily without the heightened risk of contracting or spreading illnesses," said Mr. Kemith Thompson, Executive Director of Safety, Compliance and Disaster Preparedness. "While the purifiers do not eliminate the possibility of falling ill, they are an added measure for a safe environment. Though the pandemic has been officially declared over, we are glad to continue to do what is needed to safeguard our community," he concluded.

Members of the district's Facilities Services have placed the received units in their respective locations as part of the systems' return-to-school preparations and will continue to place units as additional shipments are received. "This is a great benefit to our students as we build a better tomorrow, today and establish Clayton County as a top tier district within the metro-Atlanta area," added Superintendent Smith.

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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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