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Dr. Terry Young Receives 2023 GAAE Administrator of the Year Award

JONESBORO - Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is proud to recognize Dr. Terry Young, Principal of the Perry Career Academy, as the Georgia Association for Alternative Educators (GAAE) Administrator of the Year! The announcement was made at the recent GAAE annual conference in Atlanta.

The Georgia Association for Alternative Educators is an association that promotes alternative education throughout the state of Georgia. GAAE is composed of current and retired educators who are advocates for alternative/nontraditional education.

A GAAE Administrator of the Year must demonstrate exemplary performance in the following areas: exceptional leadership in managing school programs, commitment to educational quality and student achievement, creativity and innovation in dealing with issues and problems facing public education, and exceptional leadership in identifying and implementing strategies that support technology-infused teaching and learning.

“It is with great pride that I congratulate Dr. Terry Young on winning the prestigious award,” said Dr. Anthony W. Smith, CCPS Superintendent/CEO of Schools. “Since 2018, the first year such data was tracked, the percentage of students graduating from Perry Career Academy has grown substantially under his stewardship.”

“He is a true leader and is well deserving of the honor,” Dr. Smith added.

Dr. Young has been part of CCPS for 20 years and has served as the Executive Director/Principal of the Perry Career Academy since 2012, providing students in CCPS an opportunity to earn a high school diploma in a nontraditional setting. Dr. Young is also the former Principal of Riverdale High School and former Principal of the Year for CCPS. Throughout his 31 years in education, he has served in a role of Teacher, Coach, Assistant Principal, Principal and Executive Director.

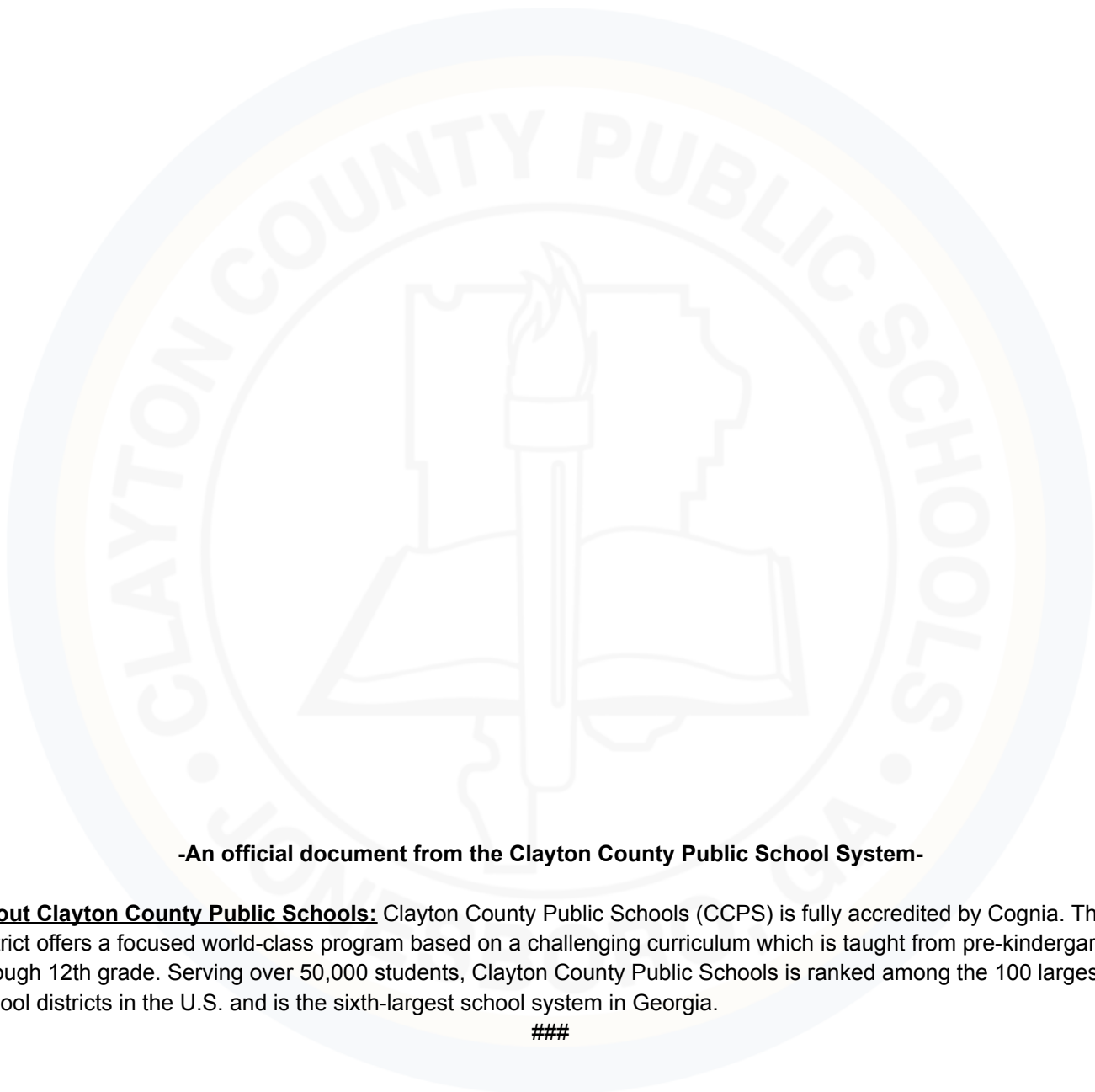
“To be named the GAAE Administrator of the Year is a humbling honor and experience. There are so many educators around the state who are doing exceptional work for students,” said Dr. Young. “To be recognized as one of the best speaks to the quality of caring and professional educators we have assembled at the Perry Career Academy.”

“We pride ourselves on offering ‘Hope’ to students who seek to complete their high school experience in a non-traditional manner. In fact, our motto is ‘We are a school of Hope,’ ” he added. “I must say that the past 11 years working in a non-traditional setting helping some of the most ‘At Risk’ students has been the most fruitful experience of my 31 years as an educator.”

Dr. Young concluded by saying, “I feel truly blessed and honored to represent Clayton County Public Schools as the GAAE Administrator of the Year for the state of Georgia!”

To view photos of Dr. Young and his award, please use the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1n9ndUoVosP0x4UuKnTScdofv8ykploO1?usp=sharing>



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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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