



Clayton County Public Schools

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CCPS Earns the Leading Edge Award for 2023

Prestigious honor presented by Georgia School Boards Association December 1, 2023

JONESBORO - Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is excited to announce that it has been named the recipient of a **Leading Edge Award for 2023**. The award program, which is in its fifth year, is presented by the Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) to school districts that are leading the way in ensuring students are competitive in an ever-changing global market.

This unique achievement recognizes the innovative design and implementation of projects and programs by the school district that are having a significant and positive impact on our students. In earning this coveted recognition, Clayton County Public Schools is truly leading the way in student achievement and engagement.

“We are honored to be the recipients of such a prestigious award,” said Ms. Jessie Goree, Chair of the Clayton County Board of Education representing District 3. “This recognition is emblematic of a commitment to providing our students, their families, and our community with the highest quality education to ensure that our students are college and career ready upon graduation.”

“I join with our Board Chair in celebrating receiving the 2023 Leading Edge Award,” said an excited Dr. Anthony W. Smith, CCPS Superintendent/CEO of Schools. “This is an important honor for our district, as it affirms that we are on the right track as we continue to *Build a Better Tomorrow, Today!*”

“Special appreciation is extended to the district’s academic leadership team for coordinating the completion of the award application,” added Superintendent Smith. “Their cooperation and coordination in describing our innovative efforts and the signature opportunities provided to our students were crucial in showing how our vision aligns with that of the GSBA.”

The school district will receive its 2023 Leading Edge Award on Friday, December 1, at the GSBA Annual Conference during its Awards Breakfast. The Annual Conference is being held at the Renaissance Waverly Hotel in Atlanta.

In addition, the Clayton County Board of Education will receive its **GSBA 2023 Exemplary School Board** recognition during the Awards Breakfast. Initially announced back in October 2023; the CCBOE has achieved Exemplary status every year since 2015.

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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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