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## Clayton County Public Schools Earn Highest Performing Awards for 2017

**JONESBORO** – Two Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) campuses are included in the 2017 Highest Performing Award recipients as reported by the Governor's Office of Student Achievement (GOSA). Stilwell School of the Arts earned a Gold level recognition and Elite Scholars Academy received a Bronze. The two schools were among the of 142 that were so honored.

The awards are part of Georgia's Single Statewide Accountability System (SSAS). Highest Performing schools exhibit high academic performance by earning a three-year average College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) Achievement Score in at least the 93<sup>rd</sup> percentile. In addition, the three-year average CCRPI Achievement Gap Score must be at or above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile in the state to ensure the performance of the bottom 25% of a school's students is not lagging.

For the Platinum or Gold award tiers, schools must earn a CCRPI Single Score of 90.0 or above in all three years, while Silver and Bronze award winners must earn a minimum CCRPI Single Score of 80.0 for all three years. Schools must also be excluded from the Georgia Department of Education's (GaDOE) 2015 Priority or Focus School list.

"We are proud of Stilwell and Elite Scholars for earning this well-deserved recognition," said CCPS Superintendent of Schools Dr. Morcease J. Beasley. "I commend everyone associated with each school for their dedication to ensuring that their graduates will be college and career ready."

"Based on our students' performance as reported in the recently released 2016-17 CCRPI results, we are looking forward with great anticipation the appearance of additional Clayton County Schools on the Governor's list of Highest Performing Schools," he added.

## **About Clayton County Public Schools**

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by AdvancED – Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 54,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the fifth largest school system in Georgia.