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Clayton County School Board Earns Exemplary Designation by Georgia School Board Association

JONESBORO – Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is excited to commend our Board of Education as they have earned the designation of “Exemplary Board” by the Georgia School Board Association (GSBA) today, Friday, June 8 as part of the GSBA Board Recognition Program.

Developed to reflect the state standards, which offer school boards additional ways to increase their effectiveness, the program features three levels of achievement, Quality, Distinguished and Exemplary. With standards developed by the State Board of Education for governance of the GSBA’s awards and recognition program, the program is a 3 tier, 3-year process to achieve the highest level. Earning this recognition in 2018 marks the third time since 2015 that the Clayton County Public School Board has earned this honor.

“We understand achieving high performance starts at the top and are extremely proud of our Board of Education for earning this coveted accomplishment,” said Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Morcase J. Beasley. “Clayton County has a School Board that is committed to the children of this county and it is my honor to sever as Superintendent under their exemplary leadership. This is recognition is just another indication of our progression to being the highest performing school system in the nation,” he concluded.

According to the GSBA website, criteria to earn this highest level of achievement include: having a System Strategic Plan in place with the incorporation of fifteen Georgia Vision Project recommendations. Conducting self-assessments using a self-assessment instrument and an Exemplary Committee consisting of a minimum of two community stakeholders, two board members, and a central office administrator. Complete annual Superintendent Evaluation using an evaluation instrument and incorporate Strategic Plan District Goals. Participate in Local Board of Education Training, all board members must meet state training credit requirements as well as exceed annual training requirements. In addition, the local school board and district must comply with standards of selected applicable accreditation associations, while also abiding by their code of ethics policy and maintaining fiscal responsibility.

Lead by Board Chair, Dr. Pam Adamson (District 1) and Board Vice-Chair, Dr. Alieka Anderson (District 8), members of the CCPS BOE include Mark Christmas (District 2), Jessie Goree (District 3), Ophelia Burroughs (District 5), Mary Baker (District 6), and Judy Johnson (district 7). The seat for District 4 is currently vacant, however it will be filled by Victoria Williams pending an official swearing-in ceremony. Williams, the winner of the May 22 primary election, has been selected by the Board of Education to complete the unexpired term of the late Michael B. King.