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CCPS Board of Education Approves Amended FY2019 Budget

JONESBORO- Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS), Superintendent/CEO of Schools, Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, submitted to the Clayton County Board of Education (CCBOE) a proposed FY2019 Budget during the Board's Work Session on Monday, April 30, 2018.

Pending adoption of the Superintendent's proposed FY2019 Budget, the Board held public hearings on Monday, May 14, 2018 and Monday, May 21, 2018 to receive public input. Both hearings began at 6 p.m. and were held in the Board Room of the district's Administration Complex Building. The Superintendent of Schools also provided updates relative to the budget at the time of the public hearings, through video highlights, press interviews, media releases and various critical conversation meetings this school year.

Last week during the Clayton County Board of Education Work Session Meeting, Superintendent Beasley presented a revised budget to the Board which includes school-based support and support for special education. The school-based positions acknowledge the needs of all schools and the continuous increase in the number of students with special needs attending CCPS.

The Board of Education voted to approve the amended FY2019 Budget. The vote comes with a scrutinized opinion of the Superintendent to acknowledge the needs of students and employees.

In preparation of the FY2019 budget, the district's administrative leadership conducted an internal review and analyzed audit information of both the current FY2018 and the anticipated FY2019 budgets. In light of the projected revenue and expenditures, it was determined to immediately address the gaps and to rectify prior budgeting practices.

The Superintendent/CEO of Schools acknowledges the Board of Education, CCPS employees and all community stakeholder's feedback relative to FY2019 Budget. Also, Dr. Beasley is appreciative of all employees that have displayed their level of commitment and support by remaining with the school district.

In an effort to manage this year's budget and develop future budgets, it was the priority of this administration to ensure that the total proposed expenditures do not exceed the total estimated revenue. Superintendent Beasley will also continue monitoring the district's financial structure to include a daily and periodic review of expenditures, cash flow and class sizes. When there's an opportunity to decrease class sizes; increase employee salaries, a recommendation will be made.

"I am pleased with the projected FY2019 Budget and adjustments made with inclusions and expenditures as well as our projected fund balance for the next several years that will reflect a strengthened fiscal position for this school system. We will continue to work with the State toward opportunities to decrease employee personnel

costs; specifically getting benefits under control, which we believe will also support the budget in years to come,” said Dr. Beasley.

“As stated, we will continue to work collaboratively to address operational expenditures, identify reductions in costs and standardize ways to strengthen our finances to support the needs of our District,” Superintendent Beasley continued in reference to the FY2019. “We will continue in our efforts to support instruction, promote student academic achievement and maintain a strong and successful school district that is *committed to high performance*,” he added.

Additional information relative to the budget updates will be shared at a variety of the Superintendent’s 2018-19 School Year Community Calendar events. Please refer to the Clayton County Public Schools website, www.clayton.k12.ga.us, for a complete listing of the meeting dates and times.

About Clayton County Public Schools

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited through 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 almost 55,000 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.

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