

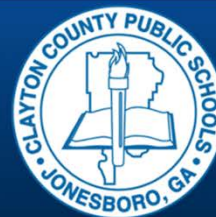
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### **Clayton County Public Schools Prepares for Nov. 6 Midterm Elections**

*Encourages student participation and stakeholder patience in/around polling sites*

**JONESBORO** – As citizens across Clayton County and the State of Georgia prepare to vote in the 2018 Midterm Election, Tuesday, November 6, Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is encouraged to share with all stakeholders the following important information as it relates to this election cycle. **The deadline to register online to vote in the 2018 General Election in Georgia is Tuesday, October 9.**

“As a school district we believe every stakeholder that is eligible to vote should exercise their right to have their voices heard in this upcoming election,” said Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Morcease J. Beasley. “We are proud of the work our Social Studies Department is doing to ensure students understand civic engagement, the election process, and are registered to vote as well as being informed on how to research candidates, proposed Constitutional Amendments and proposed Statewide Referenda. We understand that being involved in the democratic process is one of the best ways to ensure your interests are represented and we are encouraged by the attention our students have displayed to legislative matters,” he concluded.

A total of forty-two (42) Clayton County facilities will serve as polling places for the November 6 Midterm Election. Students will not report to school on Tuesday, November 6 and twelve-month employees are expected to report to their respective schools and/or offices. We ask all stakeholders to be mindful of increased traffic in and/or around our schools and that visitor’s exercise best/appropriate judgment while navigating our parking lots/school grounds. Each voter must vote at the precinct in which the voter lives.

#### **Polling Places**

CCPS facilities being used as polling places include: **Elementary Schools** (Anderson, Arnold, Brown, Callaway, Church Street, Fountain, Harper, Hawthorne, Haynie, Huie, Jackson, Kemp, Kilpatrick, Lake Ridge, Lee Street, McGarrah, Morrow, Mt. Zion Primary, Mt. Zion, Oliver, Pointe South, Riverdale, River’s Edge, Smith, Suder, Tara, Unidos and West Clayton), **Middle Schools** (Adamson, Babb, Forest Park, Kendrick, Lovejoy, Mundy’s Mill, North Clayton, Pointe South, Riverdale and Roberts), and **High Schools** (Lovejoy, Morrow Magnet, Mt. Zion, North Clayton, and Riverdale).

For a complete list of Clayton County precincts and polling places, please click on this link: <https://www.claytoncountygga.gov/government/elections-and-registration/precincts>

## **Student & First Time Voters**

We are very proud of the work our scholars are doing in our great school system. As they prepare to cast their ballots as voters we encourage them to vote based on their own informed opinions relative to the current political issues and proposed solutions. We also encourage them to work with their parents, counselors, teachers, and other trusted individuals to: 1) register to vote, 2) research political parties, candidates and the issues, 3) understand state rules and regulations, 4) find their polling places and ultimately, 5) cast their ballot. Each vote matters and their vote has the power to enact great change for our community and future generations.

If students, first time voters or community stakeholders are not registered to vote, please click the following link for more information:

### **State of Georgia's Online Voter Registration System**

<https://registertovote.sos.ga.gov/GAOLVR/welcome.do#no-back-button>

To register to vote, individuals must: 1) be a citizen of the United States, 2) be a legal resident of the county, 3) be at least 17 ½ years of age to register and 18 years of age to vote, 4) not be serving a sentence for conviction of a felony involving moral turpitude, and 5) have not been found mentally incompetent by a judge.

## **Upcoming Elections & Additional Information**

*Tuesday, November 6, 2018 – Midterm Election*

*Tuesday, March 19, 2019 – Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Special Election*

For additional information relative to voting in Clayton County, please visit the Clayton County Election's website utilizing the following link: <https://www.claytoncountyga.gov/government/elections-and-registration/election-events>.

## **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 over 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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