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CCPS Supports Social Emotional Learning

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is launching a new program that is expected to bring greater clarity to our understanding of our students' ability to learn and achieve academic success.

As part of the district's commitment to supporting the whole student, we are excited to be partnering with Panorama Education to learn more about students' social-emotional learning skills. Panorama Education is managing the survey process for this project to ensure the confidentiality of student responses and data privacy and security. Panorama Education is a company that works with over 600 school districts across the country to measure and understand stakeholder feedback and students' social-emotional learning.

"We believe our partnership with Panorama Education is a major step toward successfully embedding a culture of high performance throughout of district and our community," said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, CCPS Superintendent/CEO. "The more we know about our students, and their social-emotional capabilities, the greater our ability to prepare and execute effective lessons that will not only teach, but inspire our students to greatness."

As defined by CASEL, the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning, "social-emotional learning is the process through which children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary for their social-emotional development," said Dr. Alicia Dunn, CCPS Coordinator of Guidance and Counseling. "This social-emotional development includes understanding and managing emotions, setting and achieving positive goals, feeling and showing empathy for others, establishing and maintaining positive relationships, and making responsible decisions."

During the 2018-19 school year, the district will survey all students in grades 9-12 on the following topics:

- ➤ Grit
- ➤ Social Awareness
- ➤ Emotion Regulation
- ➤ Self-Management
- ➤ Self-Efficacy
- ➤ Growth Mindset

Beginning in October, students will take the survey online. The survey will take about 15 minutes to complete.

"Data collected from these surveys will provide invaluable insights into student experiences and will guide the strategies and interventions used to address student behaviors," Dr. Beasley said. "This data will also help to identify many of the underlying reasons behind behaviors exhibited by students and afford an opportunity to provide our school-level personnel with additional support services and Social Emotional Learning training through the Mental Health Model and our Division of Professional Learning."

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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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