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### King Elementary No Longer On Turnaround Schools List

No CCPS School is included on the 2018 list

**JONESBORO** - Superintendent/CEO of Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS), Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, is pleased to share the results from the 2018 Turnaround Eligible School list published by the Governor's Office of Student Achievement (GOSA) today, Wednesday, October 31. "What a difference a year makes," said Superintendent Beasley. "After spending a year as the only Clayton County Public School campus on the state's Turnaround Eligible School list, Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School has moved on," he stated!

Based on information released today by GOSA, CCPS does not have any schools included on the Turnaround School List. (*This year's Turnaround Eligible Schools list includes all Georgia schools with a three-year CCRPI average of 55.3 and below.*)

"We are extremely proud of the students and staff of King Elementary for this tremendous accomplishment," continued Dr. Beasley, "In 2017, they topped the list with the highest score among all Turnaround Schools, reporting the fourth highest growth among all schools in our district. This year King Elementary took the next step in exiting this list. The students, parents, staff and administration can be justly proud of this outstanding accomplishment."

"We are equally excited about the fact that we do not have a school on the Turnaround Eligible Schools list," Dr. Beasley added. "We are proud to stand alongside Gwinnett and Cobb among the six largest school districts in the state with this distinction. This is another indication that Clayton County Public Schools is making progress as we continue to grow in our commitment to high levels of performance. We will continue to aggressively push our students to higher levels of academic achievement, ensuring they are prepared for any college and/or career opportunities upon graduation from our school district," he concluded.

#### **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 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.