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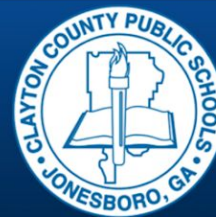
# NEWS RELEASE

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## **CCPS Board of Education Approves 2019-2020 Legislative Priorities *Seeking Stakeholder Support as General Assembly Begins Monday, January 13, 2020***

**JONESBORO** - Superintendent of Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS), Dr. Morcease J. Beasley and key district administration officials recently met with Clayton County Legislative Delegation members to share the school district's Legislative Priorities for the 2019-2020 school year.

Approved by the CCPS Board of Education on September 3, 2019, the priorities – consisting of, but not limited to: Support for increased educational funding; Support efforts to discontinue ongoing changes to the State's Accountability System; Support for Clayton County to benefit from Hartsfield-Jackson Airport like Fulton County by lowering the population threshold that prevents Clayton from benefiting from certain tax options; Advocate for policies and laws that eliminate structures & systems that perpetuate and fortify poverty – have been extended to all stakeholders as well as the Clayton County Legislative Delegation in preparation for the start of the next session of the General Assembly on Monday, January 13, 2020. All stakeholders are encouraged to support each priority on behalf of CCPS and can view the district's Legislative Priorities on the school system's website, [www.clayton.k12.ga.us](http://www.clayton.k12.ga.us).

"It is our belief that when we are discussing the well-being of our county, its families, and the future of all stakeholders, our children should take precedence. As a school system, we are obligated to utilize every avenue at our disposal to ensure the success of our students by advocating on their behalf at local, state and federal levels. For us, this means engaging our elected officials and allowing them to represent our interests in advancing our school district and county," said Superintendent Beasley.

"Only through an informed and united effort will we, the citizens of Clayton County, be successful in our efforts to elevate our students and our community to higher achievements. I ask all stakeholders to actively support our 2019-2020 Legislative Priorities as they represent the best interest of our students and the future of our school system and community. As a public school system, reliant on state funds to sustain day-to-day operations as well as advance the quality of education provided to our students, it is imperative that we all remain informed relative to upcoming legislation that could affect one or more of the district's priorities," Dr. Beasley said. "I encourage our stakeholders to contact the county's representatives through any and all means of communication to voice an opinion and demonstrate support."

On the following pages, please see the 2019-2020 Clayton County Public Schools Legislative Priorities as approved by the Board of Education, Clayton County Public Schools approved FY2020 Budget and contact information for members of the Clayton County Legislative Delegation.

## 2019-2020 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

### Legislative Priorities Brochure Outside

#### About Clayton County Public Schools

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. The system has 38 elementary schools, 16 middle schools, 12 high schools, one alternative school, three psychological education centers, and a multi-purpose education center. Among these campuses are the state's first dual language immersion school, a math science magnet for middle grades, a fine arts magnet program for elementary, middle, and high school students, a high school career academy and a virtual alternative high school.

We are culturally rich with nearly 22 percent of our students speaking a language other than English. English Learners are 10 percent (approximately 5,000) of our student population, speaking 72 diverse languages.

Clayton County Public Schools participates in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). CEP is a meal service option for schools and school districts in low income areas which provides students with meals at no cost.

Additionally, our half-billion dollar budget supports an infrastructure that employs more than 7,000 individuals, making the district one of the largest public sector employers in Clayton County.

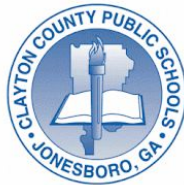


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## Legislative Priorities Brochure Inside

### CCPS LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2019-2020

#### PRIORITY 1

Support full QBE funding and increase educational funding.

- Increased revenue for salaries and rising costs of employee benefits and TRS.
- Oppose efforts that would remove or diminish funds for K-12 Public Schools.
- Increased Early Learning funding to expand PreK participation to communities.
- Increased funding for mental health to address the many issues that plague our students in CCPS.
- School safety officers in every building and mandated active shooter training for all school system employees and students.
- Increased funding for special education services for all schools so that students with disabilities can be appropriately identified and served.
- Increased funding for assessing children for Dyslexia.

#### PRIORITY 2

Support efforts to discontinue ongoing changes to the State's Accountability System.

#### PRIORITY 3

Support for Clayton County to benefit from Hartsfield-Jackson Airport like Fulton County by lowering the population threshold that prevents Clayton from benefiting from certain tax options.

#### PRIORITY 4

Advocate for policies and laws that eliminate structures & systems that perpetuate and fortify poverty; encourage family-supporting wages; provide pathways to prosperity; remove barriers to access healthcare and education; reduce mobility rates.



**Clayton County Public Schools FY2020 Budget**

**CLAYTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
FY 2020 BUDGET FOR ALL FUNDS  
JULY 1, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020**

	<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>	<b><u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUND</u></b>	<b><u>CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND</u></b>	<b><u>ENTERPRISE FUND</u></b>	<b><u>CONSOLIDATED FUNDS</u></b>
<b>ANTICIPATED FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>					
Local Property Taxes	\$ 128,037,373	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 128,037,373
Local Sales Taxes	10,177,299	-	51,600,000	0	61,777,299
Other Local Sources	5,220,000	-	6,010,000	2,708,278	13,938,278
State Funding	345,356,682	5,796,784	9,000,000	26,600,850	386,754,316
Federal Funding	690,000	56,374,988	-	12,608,689	69,673,677
<b>TOTAL REVENUE ANTICIPATED</b>	<b>489,481,354</b>	<b>62,171,772</b>	<b>66,610,000</b>	<b>41,917,816</b>	<b>660,180,942</b>
Transfers From Other Funds	-	1,049,602	-	2,160,000	3,209,602
Beginning Unreserved Fund Balance 7-1-2019	48,084,204	-	65,000,000	10,159,750	123,243,954
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$ 537,565,558</b>	<b>\$ 63,221,374</b>	<b>\$ 131,610,000</b>	<b>\$ 54,237,566</b>	<b>\$ 786,634,498</b>
<b>OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES</b>					
Instruction	\$ 323,056,330	\$ 30,205,400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 353,261,730
Pupil Services	17,741,498	8,989,739	-	-	26,731,237
Improvement of Instructional Services	15,037,070	1,832,199	-	127,657	16,996,926
Instructional Staff Training	460,413	17,114,569	-	-	17,574,982
Educational Media Services	6,857,709	-	-	-	6,857,709
Federal Grant Administration	-	1,972,653	-	-	1,972,653
General Administration	6,336,938	1,064,241	-	-	7,401,179
School Administration	33,627,107	946,944	-	-	34,574,051
Business Services	5,419,051	-	-	-	5,419,051
Maintenance and Operation	44,416,366	12,000	-	692,443	45,120,809
Student Transportation	22,205,047	603,548	-	-	22,808,595
Central Support Services	11,092,647	-	-	-	11,092,647
Other Support Services	1,749,874	124,826	-	-	1,874,700
School Food and Nutrition Services	-	355,253	-	38,812,095	39,167,348
Enterprise Operations	-	-	-	2,614,859	2,614,859
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	-	-	131,610,000	-	131,610,000
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>488,000,050</b>	<b>63,221,374</b>	<b>131,610,000</b>	<b>42,247,055</b>	<b>725,078,478</b>
Transfers To Other Funds	1,209,602	-	-	2,000,000	3,209,602
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES &amp; TRANSFERS</b>	<b>489,209,652</b>	<b>63,221,374</b>	<b>131,610,000</b>	<b>44,247,055</b>	<b>728,288,080</b>
Ending Unreserved Fund Balance 6-30-2020	48,355,906	-	-	9,990,512	58,346,418
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES &amp; END OF YEAR BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 537,565,558</b>	<b>\$ 63,221,374</b>	<b>\$ 131,610,000</b>	<b>\$ 54,237,566</b>	<b>\$ 786,634,498</b>





## CLAYTON COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION



### CLAYTON COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION 2019 CONTACT INFORMATION

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### 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.