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National Superintendents Organization Releases a Recovery Resolution

JONESBORO – With the closing of the 2019-2020 school year, the leadership of Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) has refocused its energy toward the 2020-2021 academic year. Part of that focus has been shaping what may be the new normal for our students and their families as we approach Monday, August 3, the scheduled first day for 2020-21. We as a school district and as a society in general have to face the truth that we may not return to business as usual. We must take the initiative to redesign education, making it equitable, experiential, engaging, and authentic for all learners.

The American Association of School Administrators (AASA) has formed the <u>AASA COVID-19</u> Recovery Task Force. That group, which includes CCPS Superintendent/CEO Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, among its membership has developed and released a resolution in support of a safe and district-specific reopening process. The resolution maintains the need for a consistent, coherent, actionable, and fully-resourced plan to support reopening every public school district.

It also contends that the reopening of schools should be a local or regional decision informed by applicable health, safety and disinfecting recommendations; and asserts that each school district shall be permitted to determine the timing and scheduling configuration of its schools using health data and benchmarks specific to its geographic location and communities.

We encourage everyone to read the "Resolution in Support of a Safe, Healthy, and District-Specific Reopening Process Informed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Guidelines." You can read the full resolution here.

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.