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Clayton County Public Schools Closed in Observance of Semester Break

School District Extends to Everyone Best Wishes for a Safe and Happy Holiday

JONESBORO – All schools and offices of Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) will be closed Monday, December 21, 2020 through Friday, January 1, 2021, in observance of the 2020-2021 Semester Break. All schools and offices will resume virtual operating hours on Monday, January 4, 2021, for a Staff Development Day. Students will return to virtual instructional schedules on Tuesday, January 5.

As a result of the district’s response to circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic, CCPS students have been learning through a virtual instructional model throughout the first semester of 2020-2021. When students return in January 2021, they will continue to receive instruction in a virtual environment. The Clayton County Board of Education is expected to review pandemic data compiled by health officials to consider a possible return to face-to-face instruction in January. A decision to return to in-person instruction, in some format, will be data-driven with the health and safety of students and staff a primary consideration.

CCBOE Meal Service/Food Pantry Program

The Clayton County Public Schools’ (CCPS) School Nutrition Department will continue meal services on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday via curbside and delivery until December 18, 2020. On Friday, December 18, and available via curbside service at school locations ONLY, families can pick up additional meals for Monday, December 21, Tuesday, December 22 and Wednesday, December 23. Meal Service for January 2021 will resume on January 5, 2021, when students return. CCPS School Nutrition will continue meal services on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday via curbside and delivery throughout January 2021.

As the district continues to provide meal services for the Clayton County community, please be advised that Clayton County Public Schools partnership with the Atlanta Community Food Bank will continue on Fridays through December 18, 2020. The final food pantry of the first semester, (Friday, December 18) will be held centrally at the Hearts to Nourish Hope Headquarters from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Hearts to Nourish Hope is located at 640 Highway 138 SW in Riverdale, Georgia. Please note, there will not be food pantry services at Huie Elementary, Lee Street Elementary, West Clayton Elementary, Lovejoy High, or Mt. Zion High on this date. The availability of this service beyond December 18 will be announced in January 2021.

CCBOE Work Session/Board Meeting Scheduled for January 4, 2021

The Clayton County Board of Education (CCBOE) will conduct a combined **Work Session/Regular Meeting** on Monday, January 4, 2021, at 6 p.m. All action agenda items will be presented and voted on at this session. The meeting will be held virtually using video-conferencing technology. An agenda for the Work Session/Regular Meeting is attached.

The agenda includes **Public Participation**. Comments and/or questions should be submitted via email to the following address: boepublic@clayton.k12.ga.us. Emails will be accepted for Public Participation beginning Tuesday, December 29, 2020 through 5:45 p.m. on Monday, January 4, 2021.

Comments/questions will be logged in as received. The first ten (10) comments/questions received during the noted submission period will be read into the record of the Board meeting, not to exceed 3 minutes per each of the 10 emails. Submissions to the Board must adhere to its **Civility Policy**. Use of abusive language and/or personal attacks in the submitted email will not be permitted and will not be read into the Board meeting record.

This Work Session/Regular Meeting will be held on the Zoom meeting platform. Interpreting Services will be available for stakeholders in Spanish or Vietnamese. Anyone wishing access to these services should register in advance of the Work Session. Those registering will receive an email containing instructions on joining the Board Work Session. Interpreting services can be accessed using the following link:

<https://clayton-k12-ga-us.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEsfuigqDktH9D5l7x9bUw0s2NUGvK4VyXJ>

District and community stakeholders will be able to connect and follow the meeting by either 1) clicking on the following link: https://youtu.be/4I_Y_FDjAT4 or 2) going to the district's website at www.clayton.k12.ga.us and clicking on the Board Meeting graphic on the home page's scrolling banner.

Individuals who are unable to view the livestream will be able to access the recorded meeting on the district's official platforms ([website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Youtube](#), and CCPS Channel 24, which is available to Clayton County Comcast subscribers only) following the Work Session.

Having trouble accessing the streamed video? Please review the following support:

- Please ensure that your device's operating system is up to date (this includes mobile devices)
- Please use one of the following recommended internet browsers: Chrome, Firefox, Safari
- Please ensure that your browser is up to date and refresh as necessary

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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