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CCPS to Implement District Wide Use of Google's G Suite for Education in 2017-2018 School Year

JONESBORO – Starting in the 2017-18 school year, Clayton County Public Schools' (CCPS) staff and students will gain access to expanded communication, collaboration, and e-learning tools as the district will implement the use of Google's G Suite for Education. G Suite will help extend student technology access through the availability of a powerful set of cloud based tools that are accessible on any device with an Internet connection and will also give students unlimited storage capacity for their work.

"When we began discussing the opportunity to provide this platform to our teachers and students we wanted to be sure that it would have the capacity to assist us in moving our school district to the high levels of performance we desire to attain," said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, Superintendent of Schools. "We are very pleased with the ability of the Google's G Suite for Education platform and expect it to be an innovative tool that will help our students and school district be more successful."

By supplementing classroom instruction, the new platform creates multiple potential uses for teaching, learning, and providing an intelligent workflow to the classroom. For example, students can create writing samples, reports, perform research, and easily share work produced with teachers or fellow students. Students will also have the ability to work virtually in study groups and create portfolios of their own work over an extended period without concern of storing or losing their work. In addition, the G Suite platform offers multiple opportunities for teachers to provide real-time feedback to students.

"G Suite for Education will help us communicate with our students, faculty and administration more easily and efficiently than ever before, while relieving our IT Department of the traditional costs associated with email and collaboration solutions," said Rod Smith, Clayton County Public Schools' Chief Technology Officer. "We're glad to let Google do what it does best -- provide us with innovative technology, so we can do what we do best -- educate our students."

Teachers will be able to create, store, and share instructional materials in the "cloud" for student consumption both in and out of school. G Suite will also allow teachers to easily collaborate with colleagues, store data, as well as share commonly used resources. Teachers will also be able to post lessons and assignments online for student access. Principals and other school-based administrative staff will be able to use G Suite to quickly acquire data from staff and students to be efficiently shared from one document as the district is committed to remain current with new technologies to improve instruction and district productivity.

For more information about Clayton County Public School's G Suite implementation, please visit the district website, www.clayton.k12.ga.us, or district mobile app, which is available for free on both Apple and Android devices.

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 54,000 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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