



Clayton County Public Schools

"Building A Better Tomorrow, Today!"

1058 Fifth Avenue, Jonesboro, GA, 30236 | Tel: 770-473-2700 | Web: www.clayton.k12.ga.us

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Division of Communications, Public Relations, & Marketing

June 27, 2023

Clayton County Board of Education Names Dr. Anthony W. Smith Superintendent of Schools

JONESBORO- The Clayton County Board of Education is honored to name Dr. Anthony W. Smith as Superintendent of Clayton County Public Schools. The amendment and extension of Dr. Smith's two-year contract is effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025. Previously, the Clayton County Board of Education appointed Dr. Smith as interim Superintendent at the conclusion of the 2022-2023 school year's first semester.

The role of the Board of Education is to not only serve as policy-makers and ensure resources and significant support are available to continually promote student achievement in local schools but to also hire a Superintendent that manages the school district's day-to-day affairs, programs, and execution of administrative policies.

"The Board of Education has been impressed by Dr. Smith's vision of *Building A Better Tomorrow, Today* for the school district," said Ms. Jessie Goree, Clayton County Board of Education Chair. "Dr. Smith's tenacity for laying the groundwork for strategic improvement and supporting the district's overall Strategic Plan is evident in his priorities to innovate our district during his tenure. This decision reflects the Board's confidence in his leadership and commitment to the district's ongoing progress," she added.

"It is an honor and a privilege to continue serving our community in this capacity and I thank the members of the Board of Education for their collective investment of confidence and belief in the plans set forth by this administration," said Superintendent Smith. "I look forward to our continued partnership in *Building a Better Tomorrow, Today* for our students, staff, parents, and Clayton County communities as a whole," he concluded.

With over 30 years of educational experience, Dr. Smith most recently served as Clayton County Public Schools Deputy Superintendent of Governmental Relations, Partnerships, and Operations until his appointment to Interim Superintendent. Beginning his career with CCPS in 1995 as a Computer Technology teacher, he was a classroom instructor for four years before being selected to serve in a variety of leadership positions over the years throughout the school system. Additionally, Dr. Smith previously served eight honorable years in the United States Air Force and three years as a branch president in the financial industry.

To see the Board of Education's unanimous decision to name Dr. Anthony W. Smith, Superintendent of Schools, please click on the following link:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nzg3U7Zb5b5s5oapCbEu9RuiUy0maNai/view?usp=sharing>

-An official document from the Clayton County Public School System-

About Clayton County Public Schools: Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by Cognia. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 50,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the sixth-largest school system in Georgia.

###



Clayton County Public Schools

"Building A Better Tomorrow, Today!"

1058 Fifth Avenue, Jonesboro, GA, 30236 | Tel: 770-473-2700 | Web: www.clayton.k12.ga.us

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Division of Communications, Public Relations, & Marketing

The Board of Education initially appointed Dr. Anthony W. Smith, on December 5, 2022, to serve as Interim Superintendent beginning December 17, 2022. As part of Dr. Smith's appointment to the position, he announced his five priorities and plans to govern and guide Clayton County Public Schools into the future. These streamlined priorities include:

- Create safe schools and a wonderful work environment for all students and staff
- Improve instruction to enhance student's academic achievement
- Ensure CCPS has strong business partnerships and financial stability
- Prioritize organizing of the administration and its resources for greater success
- Implement more facility improvements and special projects

For more information about Dr. Anthony W. Smith, or to review his biographical information, please visit https://www.clayton.k12.ga.us/administration/superintendent_2. For media inquiries, contact Jada K. Dawkins, 770-473-7257 or via email at jada.dawkins@clayton.k12.ga.us.

-An official document from the Clayton County Public School System-

About Clayton County Public Schools: Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by Cognia. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 50,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the sixth-largest school system in Georgia.

###