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Clayton County Public Schools Provides Update from April 10 BOE Meeting

CCPS Shares Board Recognitions & Board Appointments

JONESBORO - On Monday, April 10, Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) Interim Superintendent Dr. Anthony W. Smith joined the Clayton County Board of Education (CCBOE) in honoring students, teachers, community stakeholders, and administrators for a series of accomplishments as well as in recognition of special events!

Kicking off the recognition portion of the Clayton County Board of Education meeting, the Board and Interim Superintendent congratulated Jonesboro High School's (JHS) Mr. Lynel Goodwin, Director of the Majestic Cardinals Marching Band. The band has been selected to perform in the 2024 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade®. The JHS unit will be one of only ten such bands invited to perform in 2024.

Next, The Elite Scholars Academy's (ESA) Academic Decathlon team was recognized for earning their third consecutive Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE) Georgia Academic Decathlon (GAD) State Championship. The smallest school, based on enrollment population to ever win the GAD in the 37-year history of the event, Elite Scholars also set a new school record by earning 32 individual medals throughout the competition. While all participants received at least one medal, Elite Scholars also earned the highest overall point total in Divisions I and II earning the Howard Stroud Championship Trophy. Members of the ESA Academic Decathlon team are as follows: Reyli Olivo; Delaney Reese; Deborah Gadri; Ellen Crews; Kristina Nguyen; Maya Uk; Nataly Barahona; Evyn Laing; Angelica Jones; Jayla Jennings; Kayla Sheriffe; and Rodney Monett. These students are coached by Mr. C. Jack Smith.

Continuing the recognition portion of the meeting, the next honorarium was provided to the Jonesboro High School Mock Trial Team as they advanced to national-level competition by capturing the 2023 Georgia Mock Trial State Championship in March! This is the 12th state championship earned for Jonesboro High School. The National Mock Trial Competition will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas in May. Members of the Jonesboro High School Mock Trial Team are as follows: Henry Rabideau; Anna Davis; Rasaq Olowoeshin; Cameron Jones; Hilda Zelaya; Melissa Vazquez-Guzman; Destinee Ponder; Kerrington Cutter; and Alonzo Williams. This team is coached by Anna Cox, Andrew Cox, John Carbo, and Taylah Cash.

Next, the Board recognized the Lovejoy High School Girls Basketball team in honor of their amazing basketball season that earned them 26 total wins and a return trip to the state championship. Though they did not accomplish their collective goal of earning back-to-back state titles, members of the team have earned multiple individual awards including selections to the Georgia 6-A All-State Basketball Team (La'Nya Foster & Bryanna Preston) and Class 6-A South Player of the Year (La'Nya Foster). Team members and support personnel of the Lovejoy High School Girls Basketball team are as follows: Bryanna Preston; Jabria LeSane; Ayana Boyd; Kennedy Harley; Camiah Muldrow; Morgan Bone; Jahilya McDonald; La'Nya Foster; India McIntosh; Phoenix Arbertha; Kourtney Sanders; Asia McIntosh; Cynya Wright; Kania

Peterson; Chanita Foster; and Antoinette Davis. The team is coached by Mr. Cedric King with assistance from Cal Robinson, Brittany Hawkins, and Antrinell Lamar.

Moving along through the recognition portion of the meeting, the Board honored the district's Black History Month Quiz Bowl Champions: Morrow Middle School! Held in February, the CCPS Black History Quiz Bowl allowed students from across the district to compete head-to-head in an academic joust of Black History Month facts. After multiple rounds of competition, Morrow Middle School was crowned champion! Members of the Morrow Middle School Black History Quiz Bowl Team are as follows: Alaya Price; Kimorah Garrison; Aaden Price; Orsean Eleazer; Jordan Fair; Kelsey Walker. This team was coached by Ms. Thaydra Carter and Mr. Dominique Williams.

As recognitions neared an end, the Board recognized G.W. Northcutt Elementary School for earning the title of the 2023 Imagine Literacy Bowl National Champions! This is the second consecutive year Northcutt Elementary has earned this national recognition. Imagine Learning focuses on the power of every learner's unique potential through individualized, equitable, and innovative learning that meets each student where they are. The multi-week competition uses the highest average time per active user to determine the overall champ. The school's average time per active user was 23 hours, nine hours higher than the average for Abraham Lincoln Middle School of the Selma Unified School District in California. In addition to earning the title of Back to Back National Champions, the school received a \$250 school supply gift card and the National Imagine Literacy Bowl trophy. Congratulations are also extended to the school's English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) teachers Ms. Audrey McGhee and Dr. Carol Jones as they played a key role in this achievement.

As the final recognition of this portion of the meeting, district leaders joined in commending Ann Lee, a student at M.D. Roberts Middle School of the Arts for her academic accomplishments utilizing Languagenut! Languagenut is a program used by World Languages students worldwide to practice their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. Available to students via a district partnership for middle school students, this platform allows students to access and use resources at school and at home for additional practice. Previously, Ann was commended for winning a district-wide Languagenut competition in February. She has also won another competition for sitting at the top of the worldwide leaderboard for her participation and outstanding scores. She was the only student in the United States in the Top Ten!

Lastly, as part of this Board Meeting, Interim Superintendent, Dr. Anthony W. Smith recommended and received approval for the appointments below of district leaders to aid the district in achieving the goal of "Building a Better Tomorrow, Today!"

- ❖ **Dr. Kim Dancy** - Principal of Forest Park High School
- ❖ **Tenisha Bailey** - Principal of Jonesboro High School
- ❖ **Dr. Ulrica Jackson** - Principal of Riverdale High School
- ❖ **Stephanie Graffree** - Principal of Fountain Elementary School
- ❖ **Dr. Malika Gonzales** - Principal of Lake City Elementary School
- ❖ **Alisha Albritten** - Chief of Human Resources
- ❖ **Dr. Cassandra Hopkins** - Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools
- ❖ **Dr. Sheneaise Ratcliff** - Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools
- ❖ **Lonnie Farmer** - Assistant Superintendent of Middle Schools
- ❖ **Derrick Manning** - Assistant Superintendent of High Schools
- ❖ **Gary Townsend** - Executive Director of Athletics

- ❖ **Shakira Rice** - Executive Director of Community & Employee Engagement
- ❖ **Dr. Chantara Rumph-Carter** - Director of Data and Analytics

To view or rewatch the Clayton County Board of Education Board Meeting, please visit the following link to access the rebroadcast of the Monday, April 11, 2023 meeting
<https://www.youtube.com/live/5xURPOKeCMI?feature=share>.

To view photos taken during the meeting, please visit
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/i9053by6eurowxi/AAARoMw6Nw33DhfsZyMOZAxra?dl=0>.

Please join us as we congratulate these individuals on these amazing accomplishments and on receiving these recognitions as well as commend each of them for their excellent representation of Clayton County Public Schools!

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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.

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