



Clayton County Public Schools

Office of the Interim Superintendent

1058 Fifth Avenue • Jonesboro, Georgia 30236 • (770) 473-2700

DR. ANTHONY W. SMITH
Interim Superintendent

Greetings,

As your Interim Superintendent and from the Board of Education, we want to take a moment and express our gratitude and admiration for everything you do.

Being a teacher comes with a plethora of highs and lows. In order to have a full grasp of the job duties and responsibilities, one must have walked in those footsteps. To know what it's like to have a 3rd grader finally writing a full paragraph all by her/himself. To lie awake at night thinking about ways to reach that 7th grader who doesn't show an interest in anything. To open up to a colleague because a bright senior doesn't have the family support or resources for college

As a former teacher, I know teaching is a profession that is challenging yet rewarding. It literally produces the best feeling in the world — knowing you've played an integral part in a child's life. As teachers, each day you stand in front of your students and you inspire the next generation of leaders and innovators. You cultivate curiosity while instilling core values like kindness, patience, and teamwork. You are tasked with helping students discover their passion so they can pursue their dreams. But the responsibilities placed on you can be overwhelming at times, and the bad days can sometimes seem like they outnumber the good.

We have planned a weeklong of activities to show how much we appreciate your hard work and dedication to our scholars, schools, and communities. If you haven't had an opportunity to attend any of the events, I hope you do so prior to the end of the week. This year will be our 3rd Annual Wind Down Wednesday, May 17, 2023. This is our signature event to show appreciation to all of our employees for the work you do on a daily basis.

I am immensely proud to serve as your interim superintendent. It is an honor to celebrate each of you, not just this week, but throughout the entire year. On behalf of the Board of Education, we salute you and Happy Mother's Day to all of the mothers!

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week!