



CCPS Meets with Delegation Regarding 2017-2018 Legislative Priorities
District Seeking Stakeholder Support as General Assembly
Begins Monday, January 8, 2018

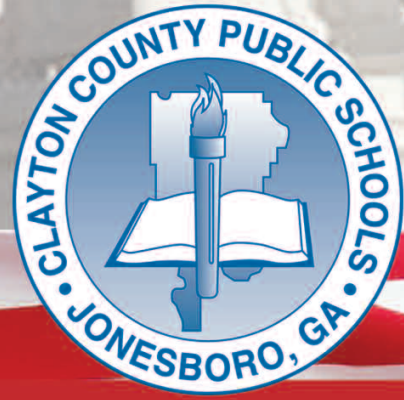
JONESBORO – Superintendent of Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS), Dr. Morcease J. Beasley and key district administration officials recently met with Clayton County Legislative Delegation members to share the school district's Legislative Priorities for the 2017-18 school year.

Approved by the CCPS Board of Education on November 6, 2017, the priorities – consisting of, but not limited to: advocacy for increased educational funding, an increase in the compulsory attendance age and an expansion/upgrade of Career, Technical and Agricultural Education Programs – have been extended to all stakeholders as well as the Clayton County Legislative Delegation in preparation for the start of the next session of the General Assembly on Monday, January 8. All stakeholders are encouraged to support each priority on behalf of CCPS and can view the district's Legislative Priorities on the school system's website, www.clayton.k12.ga.us.

“Our students deserve every opportunity to succeed and as a school system, we are obligated to utilize every avenue at our disposal to ensure the success of our students. That includes engaging our elected officials and allowing them to represent our interests in advancing our school district and county,” said Superintendent Beasley. “As a public school system, we are at the mercy of relying on state funds to sustain our day-to-day operations as well as advance the quality of education we are able to provide our students. In order to continue to provide our community a school system that is engaged in preparing students to live and compete in an ever-advancing society, we have to work hand-in-hand with our local delegation to ensure our interests are represented on the state and national levels,” he continued.

“As Superintendent, I encourage all stakeholders to actively support our 2017-2018 Legislative Priorities by staying informed of upcoming legislation that could affect one or more of the district's priorities,” Dr. Beasley said. “Also, I encourage our stakeholders to contact the county's representatives through any and all means of communication to voice an opinion and demonstrate support.”

“Only through an informed and united effort will we, the citizens of Clayton County, be successful in our efforts to elevate our students and our community to higher achievements,” he said.



2017-2018 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

CCPS Operating Budget

Five Year History of Highlighted Costs Impacting CCPS Budget

	Total General Fund Expenditures	Total Budgeted For Benefits	TRS Employer Contribution Rate	Annual Employer Health Insurance Contribution Per Employee Certified	Annual Employer Health Insurance Contribution Per Employee Classified	Maintenance and Operations Expenditures	Maintenance and Operations Expenditures	Textbook Expenditures	Textbook Expenditures
FY 2013	\$ 324,290,981	22.60%	11.41%	\$ 10,948	\$ 5,355	\$ 27,667,819	8.53%	\$ 3,318,454	1.02%
FY 2014	\$ 336,998,663	24.13%	12.28%	\$ 11,340	\$ 7,155	\$ 32,026,554	9.50%	\$ 5,269,133	1.56%
FY 2015	\$ 372,989,181	25.55%	13.15%	\$ 11,340	\$ 7,155	\$ 36,015,537	9.66%	\$ 5,690,538	1.53%
FY 2016	\$ 390,895,574	25.76%	14.27%	\$ 11,340	\$ 8,955	\$ 33,978,548	8.69%	\$ 5,724,947	1.46%
FY 2017	\$ 441,823,767	24.44%	14.27%	\$ 11,340	\$ 10,755	\$ 36,353,585	8.23%	\$ 5,807,955	1.31%
FY 2018*	\$ 456,524,926	26.67%	16.81%	\$ 11,340	\$ 11,340	\$ 35,318,817	7.74%	\$ 5,820,216	1.27%
FY 2019	TBD	TBD	20.90%	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

* Budgeted

	State Revenue	State Revenue	Local Revenue	Local Revenue
FY 2013	\$ 226,200,405	66%	\$ 115,073,870	34%
FY 2014	\$ 239,039,360	68%	\$ 114,458,708	32%
FY 2015	\$ 258,662,858	69%	\$ 117,215,344	31%
FY 2016	\$ 278,280,341	70%	\$ 116,637,443	30%
FY 2017	\$ 282,175,583	71%	\$ 117,479,256	29%
FY 2018*	\$ 301,974,995	72%	\$ 119,130,365	28%



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Legislative Priorities Brochure *Outside*

About Clayton County Public Schools

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. The system has 36 elementary schools, 14 middle schools, one K-8 school, eleven (11) high schools, one alternative school, three psychological education centers, and a multi-purpose education center. Among these campuses are the state's first dual language immersion school, a comprehensive K-8 academy, a math science magnet for middle grades, a fine arts magnet program for elementary, middle, and high school students, a high school career academy and a virtual alternative high school.

We are culturally rich with nearly 21 percent of our students speaking a language other than English. English Learners are 10 percent (approximately 5,000) of our student population, speaking 72 diverse languages.

Clayton County Public Schools participates in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). CEP is a meal service option for schools and school districts in low income areas which provides students with meals at no cost.

Additionally, our half-billion dollar budget supports an infrastructure that employs more than 7,000 individuals, making the district one of the largest public sector employers in Clayton County.



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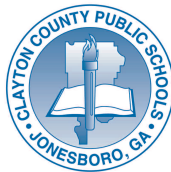
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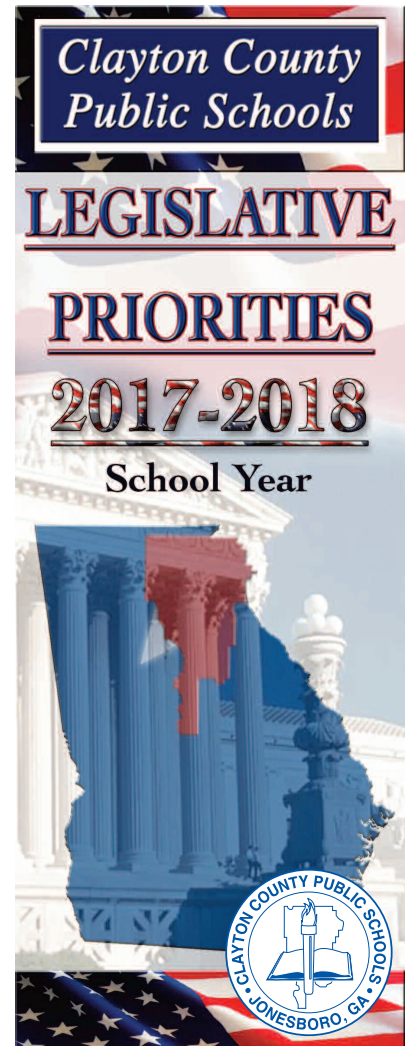
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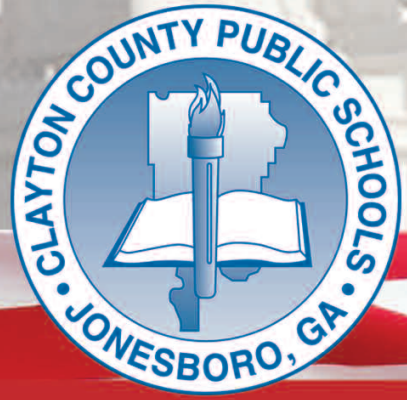
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Legislative Priorities Brochure *Inside*

CCPS LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2017-2018

The Clayton County Board of Education and Superintendent Dr. Morcease J. Beasley recommend the following priorities for the 2018 General Assembly. The Clayton County Legislative Delegation is requested to vigorously support each priority with the Governor and with each member of the General Assembly.

PRIORITY 1

Advocate for increased educational funding acknowledging the state's recent increases in educational funding coupled with its continued austerity reductions in the aggregate amount of \$280.4 million from CCPS from 2003 to 2017 and increased costs of employee health benefits.

PRIORITY 2

Defeat any efforts that would have a negative impact on the quality of education afforded to our students such as efforts to impede Clayton's ability to increase millage rates or to collect taxes on property located at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport that falls within the boundaries of Clayton County.

PRIORITY 3

Support the right of local boards of education to manage and control the operation of local public schools, including such operational matters as setting local millage rates; determining how local funds are spent; class size flexibility; charter school approval; establishing school calendars; and implementing state reductions in funding.

PRIORITY 4

Oppose any legislation that would establish a voucher system or expand the system of tuition tax credits in the State of Georgia. Any such act would divert funding from public funds to support private schools or home study.

PRIORITY 5

Revise QBE funding guidelines to adjust for additional positions required as well as increased costs and technology requirements. Eliminate unfunded mandates and inadequate funding of basic educational programs. Such programs should not impose burdens, financial or otherwise, on local school districts. A clear and complete description of the potential fiscal, operational, and programmatic impact on local resources must accompany any such action.

PRIORITY 6

Recommend an increase in the state's compulsory attendance age to 18 years of age or require written parental consent prior to a student un-enrolling at any age. This is aligned with Federal requirements and is in the students' educational best interest.

PRIORITY 7

Address all local, state, and Federal barriers that negatively impact revenue for current and future SPLOST.

PRIORITY 8

Advocate for an increase in funding to support the use of technology as the state moves to 100% online testing.

PRIORITY 9

Support efforts to halt the continuous changes in the State's Accountability System.

PRIORITY 10

Expand/Upgrade CTAE Programs (strengthening vocational programs, create policies, etc.)





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