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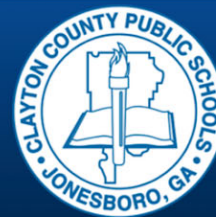
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## **CCPS Participates in a State Review Initiative**

**JONESBORO** - Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is partnering with the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) to host a field test of the Georgia District Review Process (GDRP). The review examines the impact of a district's processes on student achievement. Measuring this impact allows Clayton County Public Schools and the Georgia Department of Education to collaborate more closely with the use of resources, skills and knowledge to support the students of Clayton County.

The review is a voluntary process conducted by a team of Department of Education specialists, who then collaborate with district leadership to help support the work of school and district continuous improvement. The review collects survey data from parents, students and the staff of Clayton County Public Schools as part of the process to gain an understanding of the unique perspectives and experiences of each of those stakeholder groups. The review also examines a variety of data points that provide a district with an external perspective on its work.

“We are excited to be involved in serving as a pilot for this important initiative,” said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, CCPS Superintendent/CEO. “Hosting the field test of the Georgia District Review Process and providing critical feedback on the effectiveness of the review process, will allow our district to positively impact student achievement not only here, but across Georgia.”

“The insight and feedback provided by Clayton County Public Schools to the Georgia Department of Education will help to refine the process before it is implemented in school districts across the state,” he added.

As stated, a key element of the GDRP review is collecting data through a series of online surveys to include parents/guardians, student in grades 4-12 and instructional staff. The surveys must be completed by close of business on **Friday, November 9**. The data collected as part of the GDRP review will be analyzed by an experienced team of educators from the GaDOE and affiliate organizations.

For more information on this process, contact the Division of School and District Effectiveness in the Georgia Department of Education at:

<http://www.gadoe.org/School-Improvement/School-Improvement-Services/Pages/default.aspx>.

### **About Clayton County Public Schools**

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by 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 55,000 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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