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## GaDOE Releases CSI, TSI and Promise Schools List

**JONESBORO** - Earlier today, November 25, 2019, the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) and the Governor's Office of Student Achievement (GOSA) released the 2019 list of Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) schools, Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) schools and CSI-Promise Schools. The lists were shared as required by the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Placement on these lists is based on performance on the 2019 College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI).

Schools identified in these lists are in line to receive special assistance from GaDOE in the form of helpful resources, professional learning, and funding designed to support schools experiencing achievement challenges. The Georgia's Systems of Continuous Improvement framework focuses on the systems and structures (the "what") that must be in place for sustained improvement in student outcomes. It also utilizes a problem-solving model (the "how") to provide a clear process for identifying improvement needs, planning for improvement, and implementing, monitoring, and evaluating the improvement efforts.

CSI schools are listed under two criteria. The first criteria, which applies only to Title I schools, includes schools that, according to their three-year CCRPI average, are among the lowest performing schools that represent five percent of all schools eligible for this identification. CCPS campuses listed for 2019 are Jonesboro Middle School and Northcutt Elementary School. The second criteria includes high schools with a four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate less than or equal to 67%. One CCPS campus, Perry Career Academy, made the list for the second year. To see the complete list of CSI Schools, click <a href="here">here</a>.

TSI schools are schools that have at least one subgroup that is performing in the lowest 5% of all schools in at least 50% of CCRPI components. Five CCPS campuses were included in this list on the basis of the Students With Disabilities subgroup: Drew High School, Morrow High School, Forest Park Middle School, Pointe South Elementary School and Marshall Elementary School. To see the complete list of TSI Schools, click <a href="https://example.com/here-en/basis/">here-en/basis/</a>

The CSI-Promise Schools applies to Title I schools only. Schools are included in this listing when, according to their three-year CCRPI average, they are among the lowest performing schools that represent greater than 5% to 10% of all schools eligible for identification. There are four CCPS campuses included in the CSI-Promise Schools list: Lee Street Elementary, Huie Elementary, North Clayton High School, and Point South Middle School. CSI-Promise Schools are identified to receive proactive supports to avoid falling into the lower five percent. To see the complete list of CSI-Promise Schools, click here.

"We are confident that the schools included on these lists will benefit from the additional supports provided by CCPS and the state's Department of Education designed to improve achievement outcomes," said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, CCPS Superintendent/CEO. "This district is committed to providing every student in our district with an education that will help them become college and career ready and thus, will employ any means available to make this happen. Eliminating low subgroup performance remains a priority as we engage in conversations about district redesign."

"It should be noted that the data used to determine whether a school is placed on one of these lists is based on 2019 CCRPI results," he said. "While we continue to have issues with the unintended consequences that relate to the new accountability process, we are gratified to see that our Governor and State School Superintendent have, to some extent, agreed with our concerns and have issued a call for action."

"It is important that all stakeholders know our students across our district are making progress. We have more students reading and doing math at or above grade level, but this is not enough," Dr. Beasley offered. "We have, admittedly, some gaps that are being addressed. We are confident that our Advanced Learning for All expectations along with other strategies will result in long-term improvements as we transform and redesign our school district through a culture of high-performance."

## **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.