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## **Governor Brian Kemp Closes Schools through April 24, 2020**

**JONESBORO-** On Thursday, March 26, 2020, Georgia Governor Brian Kemp, signed an Executive Order closing all public schools across the state of Georgia through April 24, 2020, as the state and nation continue efforts to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Released in a statement, Governor Kemp states, “Throughout this process, we will continue to seek the advice of public health officials, school leaders, and families to ensure the health and safety of the educational community. As we approach April 24, 2020, we ask for continued patience and flexibility since circumstances may change, but we encourage families to stay strong and follow the guidance of federal, state, and local leaders in the weeks ahead.”

“During this unprecedented time, we certainly appreciate the leadership of Governor Kemp and State Superintendent Richard Woods, as they work collaboratively with local, state and federal leaders to make decisions in the best interest of everyone,” said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, Superintendent of Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS). “While we remain closed for the foreseeable future, we ask teachers and students to continue to work utilizing the online Extending Learning Beyond the Classroom platform and Google Classroom to complete assignments from home. Most importantly, we encourage everyone to remain safe and practice the necessary social distancing to get ahead of this virus and slow the spread,” he concluded.

As shared previously, Clayton County Public Schools will observe the scheduled 2019-2020 Spring Break beginning Monday, April 6, 2020, through Friday, April 10, 2020. As a result, all schools and offices of Clayton County Public Schools will be closed and all Digital Learning opportunities will be placed on hold until Spring Break has concluded.

During the scheduled closure, Clayton County Public Schools will continue to provide Grab-N-Go meals at the following twenty-two (22) sites: Elementary Schools: Church Street, Eddie White Academy, Edmonds, Fountain, Huie, Jackson, King, Lake Ridge, Lee Street, Mount Zion, Pointe South, Tara, and West Clayton. Middle Schools: Kendrick, Morrow, North Clayton, and Rex Mill. High Schools: Forest Park, Lovejoy, Mount Zion, Mundy’s Mill and Riverdale.

**Hours to receive meals are 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Monday-Friday and children can pick up both breakfast and lunch at the same time. Please note that children must be present to receive meals. These meals are available to all children that are 18 years old and under or over 18 with a state-defined mental or physical disability.**

Please note district leaders are continuing to monitor reports provided by health officials regarding COVID-19 and will adjust strategies in the best interests of our employees, our students, and their families. All adjustments

will continue to be shared as appropriate. All stakeholders are encouraged to monitor the platforms below for additional updates.

- ❖ CCPS SchoolMessenger phone and email
- ❖ CCPS Infinite Campus portal
- ❖ CCPS Information – e-blast to employees and stakeholders
- ❖ CCPS Channel 24
- ❖ CCPS Website: [www.clayton.k12.ga.us](http://www.clayton.k12.ga.us)
- ❖ CCPS Social Media platforms and CCPS Mobile APP

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

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited through 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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