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State Postpones May 19 Presidential Preference and General Election Primaries
Primaries Rescheduled for Tuesday, June 9, 2020

JONESBORO - With respect to the spread of COVID-19 and continued mandates related to sheltering in place and social distancing, the Georgia Department of Elections has postponed the state's **Presidential Preference Primary** and the **General Election Primary**, which had been set for May 19, 2020. Registered voters will now be able to cast those votes on Tuesday, June 9, 2020.

The deadline to register to vote is May 11, 2020. Early and advance voting will be from May 18, 2020, to June 5, 2020, and will be held at six locations. All registered voters in Clayton County have been sent an application to request an absentee ballot by the state. Voters can also download the absentee ballot request form by visiting www.claytonelections.com. The Clayton County Board of Elections and Registration is at present processing these applications. While all polling places will be open for in-person voting on June 9, 2020, due to the COVID-19 Virus and to avoid long lines, voters are encouraged to vote absentee by mail. All guidelines related to social distancing effective on Tuesday, June 9, will be enforced at all polling locations. Forty-one (41) Clayton County Public Schools facilities will serve as polling places.

For information on how to download a sample ballot and additional information on the upcoming primaries, please visit the Clayton County Board of Elections and Registration at the following link: <https://www.claytoncountygga.gov/government/elections-and-registration>

“We respect the decision to postpone the May 19 Presidential Preference and General Election primaries as another step to protect the health of our citizens during this pandemic,” said Superintendent/CEO of Schools, Dr. Morcease J. Beasley. “Even though we are faced with this most unusual series of events, we as a school district encourage every stakeholder that is eligible to vote to exercise their right to have their voices heard. Voting is our inalienable right as citizens to cast our ballots, whether absentee or in-person, for the candidate of choice as we look to improve and advance our nation, state and county. Please do not take this right for granted,” he stated.

CCPS facilities being used as polling places include **Elementary Schools** (*Anderson, Arnold, Brown, Callaway, Church Street, Fountain, Harper, Hawthorne, Haynie, Huie, Jackson, Kemp, Kilpatrick, Lake Ridge, Lee Street, McGarrah, Mt. Zion Primary, Mt. Zion, Oliver, Pointe South, Riverdale, River's Edge, Smith, Suder, Tara and West Clayton*), **Middle Schools** (*Adamson, Babb, Forest Park, Kendrick, Lovejoy, Mundy's Mill, North Clayton, Pointe South, Riverdale and Roberts*), **High Schools** (*Lovejoy, Morrow Magnet, Mt. Zion, North Clayton, and Riverdale*), and Utopian Academy for the Arts.

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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