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Clayton County Public Schools 2019-2020 School Year Close Out Reminders *Last Day, Summer Meals & Activities, 2020-2021 SY Preparation*

JONESBORO- Clayton County Public Schools' (CCPS) last day of the 2019-2020 school year is Thursday, May 21, 2020. As district officials and school leaders work to successfully close out the 2019-20 school year, please see the following reminders in relation to summer activities, district closures, and plans for 2020-2021 school year.

With safety in mind, Clayton County Public Schools continues to monitor COVID-19 cases and all data regarding the pandemic. In respect to this data and the variety of closeout actions that must be completed, the district will implement rotational schedules for personnel to enter facilities to conduct business essential for ending the 2019-2020 school year, summer operations and preparation for the 2020-2021 academic year. Decisions regarding rotational staff and schedules will be determined by the CCPS Executive Team and monitored through the month of June.

Classroom cleanings and collection of teacher resources will be completed following strict social distancing guidelines. Principals are asked to create schedules to ensure social distancing is maintained as well as the Department of Social Work and Safety and Security to provide all teachers with masks and gloves as needed as they return to work to close-out their respective classrooms. This will take place beginning May 18 throughout the month of June. Student textbooks will be collected from students in grades 5, 8, and 12. All other grade levels will return their textbooks on the first day of school in August. If the 5th and 8th grade students do not report to deliver books during May 18-28, they will return their books to their new school in August on the first day of school. The books will be sent to the warehouse and will be delivered to the appropriate school(s) of origin. Other materials will be collected by assigned departments and individuals.

Over the summer, Clayton County Public Schools will continue to serve Grab-N-Go Summer Meals at thirteen sites across the school district. These meals will be free of charge and available to individuals 18 years of age and younger as well as those with state-defined mental or physical disabilities. The Summer Meal Program will be available beginning Tuesday, May 26 through July 24, from 9:00 A.M.- 12:00 P.M. Sites participating in this program are Church Street Elementary, Huie Elementary, Lee Street Elementary, Pointe South Elementary, Tara Elementary, West Clayton Elementary, Kendrick Middle, Morrow Middle, Rex Mill Middle, Riverdale Middle, Forest Park High, Lovejoy High, and Mundy's Mill High. The district will also continue its partnership with the Atlanta Community Food Bank to provide grocery services beginning Friday, May 29 through July 24 from 9:00 A.M.- 12:00 P.M. This service will be available only on Fridays at Huie Elementary, Tara Elementary, West Clayton Elementary, Riverdale Middle and Lovejoy High.

In addition to meal programs, the district has established robust learning activities through the SummerT.I.M.E. (Thrive, Inspire, Motivate and Engage) learning series and the Clayton READS at Home Summer Reading Program. SummerT.I.M.E. is designed to allow students in grades K-11 an opportunity to participate in positive learning and engage in various fun-filled Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) activities.

Please email questions related to SummerT.I.M.E. to summerlearninginfo@clayton.k12.ga.us. Through a partnership with the Clayton County Public Library, CCPS is enhancing Clayton READS at Home by selecting free eBooks for Summer Reading suggestions available at tinyurl.com/crsummer2020.

As planning is currently underway for the 2020 - 2021 school year, district leaders are discussing safety measures for face-to-face instruction or digital learning beyond the classroom.

“We will spend a considerable amount of time cleaning and disinfecting our facilities in preparation for the 2020-2021 school year,” said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, CCPS Superintendent/CEO. “One thing we know for sure is that educating our students will continue in the next school year by means of face-to-face instruction, by distance virtual learning or a combination of the two. We are here to serve and support our students and families and we will do that by whatever means necessary moving into the next school year and beyond.” he concluded.

On May 4, 2020, Clayton County Public Schools began the online enrollment process for new and returning students for the 2020-2021 school year. Online Registration is for students who are registering for kindergarten for 2020-2021 and for new/returning students who are not currently enrolled with CCPS. Online registration is not for students changing grade levels or changing schools within the district. For more information regarding 2020-2021 registration, please visit the CCPS website (www.clayton.k12.ga.us).

In addition to registration, the district is currently making staffing considerations for the upcoming school year as well as conducting virtual interviews to ensure that CCPS students have highly qualified teachers guiding their learning experience. “Our plan of action is to be ready,” said Superintendent Beasley, “While the method may be altered, the standard of who we want instructing our students has not. I am confident in our Division of Human Resources, along with our school leaders to identify the best individuals to influence our scholars’ academic and personal growth,” he concluded.

As Clayton County Public Schools continues to address challenges caused by the pandemic, all stakeholders are encouraged to stay connected to district outlets for updates.

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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