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### **Statement from Superintendent/CEO of Schools, Dr. Morcease J. Beasley**

**JONESBORO** – Clayton County Public Schools Superintendent/CEO Dr. Morcease J. Beasley announces today his commitment to work with Georgia Governor Brian Kemp and other state and local entities to propose policies and strategies that would benefit *all* citizens. These recommendations would ensure that *all* people are valued and respected by proactively responding to perceived injustices when they occur.

“I believe *all* people should exercise their First Amendment rights to ensure their voices are heard and appropriate actions are taken against any injustices. I encourage *all* citizens, particularly the Clayton County community, to protest peacefully, to mobilize efforts to eradicate injustices and to ensure their rights are upheld by voting and electing officials that will not place politics over the lives of any people, regardless of race, creed or nationality. We must elect individuals that will fight for the rights of *all* people, advocate for *all* classes of communities and uplift those segments of society that have been historically disparaged,” said Superintendent Beasley.

“In light of protests this week, I encourage those that feel the need to voice their opinions to demonstrate in a manner that’s benefitting your city, state and country. Do not be a part of the problem that sensationalizes issues, but rather be a part of the solution that builds, not breakdown, our communities and our nation,” he added.

Superintendent Beasley encourages everyone to push legislative efforts that protect against any injustices and file complaints against people in authority that abuse power and position. In addition, be mindful of protesters, miscellaneous groups and organizations coming from outside of the city/county to perpetuate racism and inflict harm on our vulnerable activists. These agitators are trying to deceitfully incite violence on the platform of people advocating for immoral and unlawful actions. These agitators have clearly revealed themselves to be modernized and skillful in their approaches to misguide some people of color into believing that they are uniform in their efforts to fight for the least, the lost and those often left behind. This dynamic is occurring throughout the nation.

Superintendent Beasley is also requesting for *all* stakeholders to share any policy ideas or recommendations as he continues to work with key officials to ensure a just and fair society for *ALL*, given the pandemic pre-existing issues and the numerous situations of violence involving police and citizens.

“*All* leaders and citizens should work together to break down barriers and systemic inequities, injustice and violence. As referenced by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., ‘we cannot allow the evil in a few to destroy the good in the many’,” stated Beasley. “We can become better if we are courageous enough to address the need for equity and equality in government, education, law, business, health and much more. Let us work together to build a just, equitable and prosperous community, region, state, nation and world for *all*,” he concluded.

### **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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