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## Clayton County Public Schools Elevates Disinfection Protocols with Electrostatic Technology to Help Protect Against the Spread of COVID-19

Implements improved disinfection protocols including classroom cleaning stations, social distancing, retraining of custodians and investment in Clorox® Total 360® System

**Jonesboro, GA** – Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is pleased to announce improved cleaning and disinfection protocols to better serve students, staff and surrounding communities. These improvements include investment in the <u>Clorox® Total 360® System</u>, an electrostatic sprayer, to add an additional layer of protection against illness-causing bacteria and viruses including SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

While CCPS will open the 2020-2021 School Year virtually on August 10, the district will continue to proactively enhance its cleaning and disinfection protocols to create a more comprehensive and efficient disinfection process in order to more effectively protect against the spread of COVID-19 when campuses reopen to face-to-face instruction.

"We are delighted to have the CloroxPro team as an ally in our efforts to establish and maintain a safe and healthy working and learning environment for our employees, our students and their families," said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, CCPS Superintendent/CEO. "Using this technology places our custodial staff on the cutting edge of protecting our stakeholders."

The Clorox® Total 360® System works by using patented electrostatic technology to charge the disinfectant solution causing the particles to be attracted to surfaces with a force stronger than gravity and allowing them to reach and consistently coat all surfaces for comprehensive surface coverage. This allows the district's custodial team to cover more ground, more effectively and in less time.

"We want to ensure our students, their families, staff and visitors of our school district feel confident and safe returning to our facilities, which means doing everything in our power to help protect against the spread of COVID-19," said Kemith Thompson, CCPS Executive Director of Operations. "In partnership with CloroxPro, we have been on the ground to evaluate and improve our disinfection protocols to ensure our custodial team is as effective and efficient as possible to ensure a safe and healthy return to our buildings."

In addition to investing in four Clorox® Total 360® Systems, CCPS has implemented the following changes to help better protect against the spread of COVID-19 as well as encourage and educate students about proper infection prevention protocols:

> Posters promoting hand hygiene and respiratory/cough etiquette throughout each school

- ➤ Classrooms will be provided with individual spray bottles filled with disinfectant solutions to allow for easy disinfection of frequently touched surfaces like desks, doorknobs, shelves, etc. throughout the day and during classroom changes
- > Hand sanitizing stations located throughout all schools
- > Social distancing students where possible including limiting the number of students per classroom, in the cafeteria at one time, and in the library at one time
- > Retraining of custodial teams on proper cleaning and disinfection methods and protocols
- > Custodial teams will disinfect schools throughout the day vs. only nighttime cleanings
- > School buses will be cleaned after each route with a deep clean conducted on a weekly basis

"With the addition of our Clorox® Total 360® Systems and our enhanced disinfection protocols, we are confident in the cleanliness and safety of our schools," added Thompson. "To ensure effectiveness and proper execution of our new protocols, we will also be administering random quality checks. Our community's health and safety is of the utmost importance to us and we will continue to look for new ways to enhance our protocols to help ensure the safety of our schools' environments."

To learn more about the Clorox® Total 360® System, visit <a href="www.CloroxTotal360.com">www.CloroxTotal360.com</a>.

### **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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