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## **Clayton County Public Schools Announces No Fans for Athletic Events**

**JONESBORO** – Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) announces that the district will move forward with no fan participation at athletic events. The decision, which is in effect until further notice, was made based on a review of current data regarding the COVID-19 virus and following consultation with the district’s high school coaches and athletic directors.

“Our decision related to no fan participation at athletic events is being made to reinforce our commitment to maintaining a safe and secure environment for our student athletes, our coaches and indirectly, our stakeholders,” said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, CCPS Superintendent/CEO. “In addition to our continued close monitoring of data from local/state health officials, we will also maintain contact with the Georgia High School Association (GHS) and the different competitor districts and schools to advise them of this and future decisions and to determine the best and safest course of action going forward.”

“Please know that we will reassess when the data improves. We will always lean towards prioritizing the health and safety of all concerned and will continue to communicate and strategize with those engaged stakeholders to make our best data informed decisions as they relate to our athletic program,” he added.

Clayton County Public Schools will resume athletic activity on Monday, August 24, 2020.

### **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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