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## **CCPS Provides COVID-19 Update Message to Stakeholders**

**JONESBORO-** Clayton County Public Schools is proud to be an educational institution that focuses not only on academic achievement but also on the wellness and safety of all students, employees and the families of both. Like other school systems across the country, in March, Clayton County Public Schools embarked on an unforeseen journey to shift from traditional face-to-face interactions with students to a virtual setting overnight. While the district has experienced its fair share of challenges adjusting to; what is realized now as the “new normal”, distance learning, district leaders are proud of the work, efforts, adjustments, and strategies in place that allows our school system to operate in the 2020-2021 school years’ fully virtual reality.

Since the spring, Clayton County Public Schools has worked to provide students with meals, instituted protocols to ensure the safety of those who enter district facilities, forged new partnerships, and strengthened existing relationships to meet the needs of our diverse population. As one of the first school systems in the Metro-Atlanta area to establish and share a fully articulated Reopening Guide consisting of four proposed instructional methods, we are proud to rise above the parliamentary pandering and continue to focus on the people over politics. This is being done by relying on the available local, state, and national COVID-19 data and making decisions in the best interests of safety based on the specific trends as well as feedback from stakeholders provided via public perception surveys.

Through the collaborative efforts of the Clayton County Public Schools Reopening Task Force Team and guidance from a multitude of local and national agencies, CCPS will continue to reevaluate and assess the instructional models every nine weeks to determine the best course of action moving forward. Our School System will remain flexible with respect to the statistical trends as we continue to monitor the data with the ultimate goal of returning to face-to-face instructional, or a blended model in the future. The Leadership Team will share more on reopening phases during the August 31st Board Work Session.

We are fully committed to our community and the safety of all and express our sincere gratitude to all stakeholders for the unwavering support and patience during these unprecedented times.

### **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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