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CCPS Offers Family Access to Local Football Games on September 4

JONESBORO – Following a meeting of the Clayton County Public Schools’ (CCPS) Athletic Committee, the district has announced limited access to all in-county sporting events beginning September 2. The sports involved include volleyball, softball contests and the three varsity football games that will be played locally on Friday, September 4. The football games involved in this decision are

- Jonesboro versus Mount Zion at Tara Stadium in Jonesboro,
- Riverdale versus North Clayton at Southern Crescent Stadium in Riverdale, and
- Lovejoy versus Mundy’s Mill at Twelve Oaks Stadium in Hampton.

The limited access to these athletic contests translates into two tickets being given to each player, cheerleader, and coach to be shared with respective family members **only**. In keeping with its “no fans in the stands” announcement last week, the district will not sell tickets to the general public prior to the games nor at the gate. While Georgia High School Association passes will be honored, CCPS athletic passes will not. High school bands will not be performing this week.

“Our decision to make the local games this week available to a limited audience is based on requests submitted by the families of our players and cheerleaders and feedback from our coaches,” said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, CCPS Superintendent/CEO. “We will closely monitor all aspects of crowd behavior and responsibility during these contests as a way of determining future actions as they relate to public access to our sporting events.”

“We are hopeful that what we will observe this week will make an announcement about the status of future athletic contests by Wednesday, September 9, as we work to bring a sense of ‘normal’ to what has started as a most nontraditional school year,” Dr. Beasley added.

Game attendance, which is optional, will carry specific requirements as stipulated through posted signage located at each sports venue (SB 359). These stipulations include the wearing of masks which are required for family members ages six and up and for everyone to demonstrate social distancing practices while at each venue. Because the concession stands will not be open, attendees are encouraged to bring sealed/unopened bottles of water.

Football stadium gates will open at 6:45 p.m. Volleyball and softball gates will open 30 minutes prior to gametime.

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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