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CCPS Increases Family Access to Local Football Games on September 11

*Number of tickets increased to **four** to be shared with players, cheerleaders and coaches*

JONESBORO – Following the first weekend of Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) high school football action where the fans who were granted access adhered to the health and safety guidelines and established by the district, CCPS has increased the number of those with limited access to all **in-county** sporting events beginning September 9. The sports affected remain volleyball and softball contests as well as a varsity football game that will be played locally on Friday, September 11. That game will be Forest Park versus Morrow at Tara Stadium in Jonesboro.

The increased limited access to these athletic contests translates into **four** tickets being given to each player, cheerleader, and coach to be shared with respective family members and friends **only**. The increase in tickets distributed will apply to the sports of softball and varsity football only. **The number of tickets distributed for volleyball matches will remain at two.**

In keeping with its earlier “no fans in the stands” announcement, 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. District staff will be allowed to enter in a working capacity only. High school bands will not be performing again this week.

“Our decision to increase the access for a limited audience to local athletic contests is based on reports that family members and friends of our players, cheerleaders and coaches followed the guidelines we set for attendance,” said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, CCPS Superintendent/CEO. “District leadership will continue to closely monitor all aspects of crowd behavior and responsibility to determine our future actions as they relate to public access to our sporting events.”

As stated on September 1, 2020, game attendance, which is optional, will carry specific requirements as stipulated through posted signage located at each sports venue (SB 359). These stipulations include wearing masks, which are required for family members ages six and up and for everyone to practice social distancing while at each venue. In addition, the district has stationed nurses and healthcare technicians at each point of entry at each venue to take temperatures. Hand sanitizers are available for fan use at each facility and district staff are deep cleaning each venue.

Concession stands will be open for the sale of drinks/water and pre-packaged items. Spectators are requested not to bring any food or beverages into the venue.

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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