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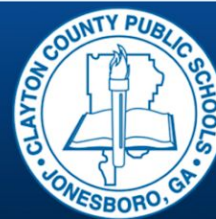
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## **CCPS Foundation Receives \$50,000 PNC Foundation Award**

*Grant to enhance Virtual Learning for district students*

**JONESBORO** - Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) and the Clayton County Public Schools Foundation, Inc. (CCPSF) have been awarded \$50,000 in grant funding from the PNC Foundation to support the COVID-19 Clayton County Public Schools Technology & Internet Needs Project.

“With more local school systems adopting distance-learning technologies, many students, particularly in lower-income households, run the risk of falling behind academically, in part because their families struggle to meet the increased need for tech resources,” said Eddie Meyers, PNC regional president for Georgia. “As long-time advocates for early childhood learning, we see a great opportunity to work with local partners such as the CCPS and CCPSF to support families managing full-time learning at home.”

CCPSF indicated that as many as 5,000 students have been unable to access virtual learning platforms for a number of reasons, one of which was the inability to connect to internet service. Another reason has been the lack of a device capable of connecting to virtual learning platforms.

“We are so appreciative to the PNC Foundation for supporting our students with this wonderful grant to the CCPS Foundation,” said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, CCPS superintendent and CEO. “These resources will help ensure that 100 percent of our students are engaged in virtual learning.”

The PNC Foundation grant will be merged with other CCPSF funds to assist the school system with developing and distributing a stock of more than 10,000 hotspot devices, Chromebooks and other laptop devices through the district’s Extended Learning Beyond the Classroom (ELBC) initiative.

“The Office of the Superintendent and the CCPS Foundation extends a special thanks to PNC’s local team for reaching out a hand of partnership in support of our efforts to assist our students and to sustain our commitment to high performance,” Beasley added.

### **About PNC Foundation**

The PNC Foundation, which receives its principal funding from The PNC Financial Services Group ([www.pnc.com](http://www.pnc.com)), actively supports organizations that provide services for the benefit of communities in which it has a significant presence. The foundation focuses its philanthropic mission on early childhood education and community and economic development, which includes the arts and culture. Through

Grow Up Great, its signature cause that began in 2004, PNC has created a bilingual \$500 million, multi-year initiative to help prepare children from birth to age 5 for success in school and life.

**About The CCPS Foundation, Inc.**

The Clayton County Public Schools Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to the enrichment and enhancement of the education experience of students, families, teachers, and graduates.

**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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