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## Clayton County Public Schools Promotes *Wear Green and Grow* Campaign

**JONESBORO** – The Homeless Education Department of Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is encouraging everyone to participate in its *Wear Green and Grow* initiative that is taking place throughout the month of November. November has been designated as Homeless Awareness Month in the state of Georgia.

Did you know that?

- According to the U.S Department of Education, an estimated 39,571 public school students experienced homelessness in Georgia during a school year.
- Over 2,000 students experiencing homelessness enrolled in and attended schools in Clayton County last year.
- Homelessness is not simply an individual issue – it’s a societal issue.

In the past, our department distributed green ribbons worn by CCPS employees throughout November to raise awareness and build our community of support. This November, we are asking district students, employees and stakeholders to designate at least one “Green Day” to wear green and grow their understanding of homelessness. You can grow by exploring the resources and materials in our Virtual Office [[LINK TO VIRTUAL OFFICE](#)].

The number of impacted families is expected to increase significantly due to the global pandemic. Many families will experience a loss of employment and housing, or a trauma that results in housing instability. These happenings, among others, can dramatically impact students’ emotional well-being and their academic performance. That’s why our active and visible support in combating homelessness is more important than ever.

Building awareness helps drive empathetic and action-oriented solutions for our families and students, giving them a support model for academic and community stability. Let’s show these families and students that **#CCPSCares**.

Let your “Green Day” show your commitment to learn more about what we can do individually and collectively to support families experiencing homelessness. **#HomelessnessAwareness**.

### **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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