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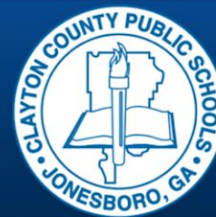
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CCPS Applauds Student Voters & Clayton Community for Voter Participation

JONESBORO - Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is monitoring the results of the November 3rd Election. While results are not final, the district is extremely proud of the Clayton County community, as well as the nearly 750 first-time student voters registered by the CCPS Social Studies Department, led by Ms. Regina Wallace, CCPS Social Studies Coordinator, for exercising their civic duty. Clayton is a pivotal county in the 2020 General Election and it is because of the collaborative efforts of all stakeholders and the valuable partners of Clayton County.

“This year, the district had the highest number of high school seniors registered to vote in the Metro Area,” said Ms. Jessie Goree, Chair of the Clayton County Board of Education. “CCPS partnered with the Clayton County Board of Commissioner’s Office of Youth Commission, When We Vote and the East Point College Park Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, INC. and others to assist in obtaining this record number of registrations.”

“It is our belief that the student-focused initiatives, along with the efforts of our local government officials have substantially raised political awareness throughout our community and encouraged citizens to have a voice in Clayton County and beyond its borders,” said Dr. Mocease J. Beasley, Superintendent/CEO of Schools. “We thank the Clayton County Board of Education for its leadership, support, and encouragement in bringing our students into a real-world experience they will never forget.”

Over the past several years, the Social Studies Department has engaged in an awareness campaign designed to educate students in grades Kindergarten through 12 on the importance of following and participating in the political process. In partnership with different non-profit organizations including the aforementioned When We Vote and Usher’s New Look Foundation, the district energized students through virtual assemblies, mock elections, competitions and student community engagement all aimed at making them informed voters and future voters. In addition, CCPS teachers immersed instructional efforts in the “Good Trouble Voter Campaign.” The campaign was established in honor of the late Congressman John Lewis who represented Clayton County, an impassioned believer in how the political process can effectively lead to change.

“Regardless of the outcome of this election, we are excited, humbled, and honored that Congressman Lewis’ impact is being felt at the highest level of this nation,” added Superintendent Beasley. “It is a great day for ‘Good Trouble’ by Clayton County students and voters. Clayton County is providing a national model for having a positive impact at the local, state, and national levels,” he concluded.

Board Chair Goree and Superintendent Beasley both commend the excellent work done by Ms. Wallace, all CCPS teachers, and district partners to engage students in the electoral process and look forward to expanded efforts as the state prepares for run-off elections.

“We will continue to register our students for the remaining months of this year in preparation for the Senatorial run-off in January as we plan to be a factor in the outcome,” concluded Chairwoman Goree.

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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