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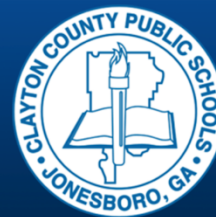
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Special Week Honors Georgia’s School Board Members

JONESBORO — The Clayton County Board of Education (CCBOE) is joining in a statewide celebration this month to salute the efforts of local school board members. The week of March 15-19, 2021 has been proclaimed School Board Appreciation Week in Georgia. The weeklong observance calls attention to the contributions of local boards of education. The Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) sponsors the celebration.

“Our citizens elect school board members to represent the community’s voice on education matters and to set the vision for the school district,” said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, Clayton County Public Schools Superintendent/CEO. “Our board members spend countless hours fulfilling their responsibilities and working together to continually improve our education system.”

“Members of school boards here and across the state represent a continuing commitment to local citizen control and decision-making in education,” said Dr. Beasley. “We, as a community, should be proud of our Board members and should commend them for their commitment and service for the children of our county.”

The men and women serving our school district and their years of service are:

- Ms. Jessie Goree - Board Chair, District 3, 12.5 years;
- Dr. Alieka Anderson - Board Vice Chair, District 8, 12.5 years;
- Ms. Jasmine Bowles - District 1, 2 year;
- Mr. Mark Christmas - District 2, 8 years;
- Ms. Victoria Williams - District 4, 3.5 years;
- Dr. Deatrice Dee Haney - District 5, (term began January 1, 2021);
- Ms. Mary Baker - District 6, 12 years;
- Ms. Sabrina Hill - District 7, (term began January 1, 2021); and
- Mr. Benjamin Straker - District 9, 5.5 years

As constitutional officers of Georgia, school board members are responsible for setting educational policies, employing the superintendent to provide buildings and equipment, operate a transportation system and disbursing of school funds. As community leaders, school board members serve as advocates for the children in local public schools and must study, evaluate and decide what actions are in the best interest of those students.

About Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA)

The mission of GSBA is to ensure excellence in the governance of local school systems by providing leadership, advocacy and services, and by representing the collective resolve of Georgia's elected boards of education. Please visit www.gsba.com for more information.

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 almost 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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