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## Masks Required on the School Bus for Health and Safety Reasons

**JONESBORO** - During these unprecedented times and with the rise of COVID Coronavirus variants in Clayton County, the leadership of Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is strongly emphasizing that the health and the safety of our students and their families, our bus drivers and monitors, and our staff are our first priority.

We are seeking support from our community to comply with our expectation that students should wear masks while riding on our school buses. Currently, we are experiencing some resistance at bus stops from parents primarily and a few students. Not only does this create potential confrontations but it hinders the progress of getting students to school safely and on time.

Our bus drivers are some of the most valuable assets of the school district and if not for them we would be unable to make available the benefit of transporting students to school. Our drivers and monitors are vulnerable and being put in very tough and potentially dangerous positions at our bus stops.

While we don't want to refuse transporting a student, we may be forced to review a student's ridership privilege.

Your children are very important to us and we are committed to supporting their academic success through their safe arrival at school, ready to learn.

## **About Clayton County Public Schools**

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited through Cognia. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 50,000 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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