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Clayton County Board of Education Achieves 2021 GSBA Exemplary School Board Status

JONESBORO - The Clayton County Board of Education (CCBOE) is proud to announce the achievement and status of the Georgia School Boards Association's (GSBA) 2021 Exemplary School Board recognition! This is the highest level of recognition in the GSBA program.

The CCBOE met and/or exceeded the criteria set forth by GSBA to earn the honor of a 2021 Exemplary Board. The recognition program is designed to showcase best practices in school governance and leadership. GSBA recognizes good school board governance to foster educational community cultures in order to advance student learning and achievement.

"Speaking for my fellow Board members, we are excited and proud to accept this great honor from the GSBA," said Ms. Jessie Goree, CCBOE Chair (District Three). "This recognition is indicative of the time and dedication invested by each member of this Board in responding in an appropriate manner to the GSBA standards."

"The GSBA Exemplary Board status speaks highly about the quality of leadership Clayton County Public Schools has at the highest level," said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, Clayton County Public Schools Superintendent/CEO of Schools. "I add my sincere congratulations to this group of public servants who are indeed committed to high performance."

In addition to Ms. Goree, CCBOE members are: Board Vice Chair Mr. Benjamin Straker, District Nine; Ms. Jasmine Bowles, District One; Mr. Mark Christmas, District Two; Ms. Victoria Williams, District Four; Dr. Deatrice Dee Haney, District Five; Ms. Mary Baker, District Six; Ms. Sabrina Hill, District Seven; and Ms. Joy Tellis Cooper, District Eight.

GSBA Governance Team Recognition Program

The GSBA Governance Team Recognition Program was developed by Georgia superintendents and board members based on the <u>state board of education's standards for effective governance</u> to recognize exemplary leadership.

In 1998, the Georgia School Boards Association was one of the first school board associations in the nation to develop a program of standards for local boards of education.

The GSBA Board recognition program is a three-tiered program. For more information on the program you may visit the <u>GSBA website for awards and recognition</u> or <u>click here</u> to view the criteria for all tiers of the program.

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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