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"Building A Better Tomorrow, Today!"

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Superintendent/CEO Smith Hosts First Blueprint Series Tour Meeting at Mundy's Mill High School

JONESBORO - Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) Superintendent of Schools & Chief Educational Officer (CEO), Dr. Anthony W. Smith, hosted the first Blueprint Series Tour Community Meeting of the 2023-2024 School Year on Monday, August 21, 2023, at Mundy's Mill High School!

Following introductions provided by Ms. Jessie Goree, Clayton County Board of Education Chair and representative of District 3, Superintendent/CEO Smith shared his vision and strategic priorities while engaging with our valued community members and partners in education.

As part of the meeting, Dr. Smith went into great detail about his five priorities for the district, which serve as the blueprint for Dr. Smith and stakeholders' aspiration to Build a Better Tomorrow, Today. The five priorities include: a focus on school safety and a positive working environment, academic achievement, financial stability, organizational structure, and enhanced infrastructure.

"We have to preserve the sanctity of the classroom by eliminating distractions caused by inappropriate behaviors," said Superintendent/CEO Smith. "We are going to be a tough-love school system that holds everyone accountable for actions that impact our students. Safety is our first priority and certain things will not be tolerated in our schools or on our properties," he concluded. Dr. Smith emphasized that safety, security, the well-being of our staff and students, and the improvement of student outcomes are a shared responsibility; he proceeded to encourage stakeholders to get involved by remaining watchful of their children's actions and feelings, checking on what they are learning, using the available resources, mentoring our students, and displaying an overall deeper commitment to our school system and community.

In addition to sharing the five priorities, Dr. Smith provided an opportunity for Dr. Delphia Young, Deputy Superintendent of Teaching and Learning and Strategic Improvement, to share updates on the district's Georgia Milestone Assessment Systems (GMAS) data and key improvement actions regarding student testing achievements. Dr. Young highlighted that while there is more work to do, our students' performance is moving in a positive direction; noting that in many tested areas the district's students' growth on the GMAS outpaced the state's growth.

On behalf of Superintendent/CEO Smith, thanks to all those who attended the meeting for providing valuable insight into our district as active stakeholders. In addition, a special thank you is extended to Ms. Mary Baker, CCPS Board of Education representative of District 6, and Dr. Deatrice "Dee" Haney, CCPS Board of Education representative of District 5 for their support and attendance. We also commend all event volunteers and district departments who participated by having resource tables available for parents/guardians.

We certainly appreciate your support, attendance, and dedication to aligning efforts in Building a Better Tomorrow, Today in Clayton County Public Schools. The next opportunity to participate in a Blueprint Tour session will be Wednesday, August 30, 2023, at Morrow High School beginning at 6:00 p.m.

To view images of the Blueprint Series Tour, please visit the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hZAnYlzHKhPT4GxQZn9sylGgl6VfQJcD?usp=sharing>



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About Clayton County Public Schools: Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by 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 sixth-largest school system in Georgia.

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