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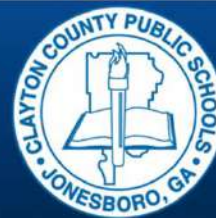
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Clayton County Public Schools Fine Arts Department Receives 1,260,432 Grant from U.S. Department of Education

JONESBORO – Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is proud to announce that the CCPS Fine Arts Department has received a grant totaling in \$1,260,432 to be used over four years from the United States Department of Education to support Arts Integration. This grant allows CCPS to strengthen partnerships with organizations such as ArtsNow, Georgia Institute of Technology, Crayola's CreatED, and Georgia Center for Assessment of the University of Georgia. ArtsNow will assist Clayton County Public Schools with organizing and conducting the professional development over the four year period.

Funded through the Professional Development for Arts Educators Grant Program, the grant will be disbursed throughout nine (9) CCPS schools to support the Engaging Minds Project. Schools that will benefit from the grant include Jackson, Kilpatrick, Tara and West Clayton Elementary Schools, Roberts, Riverdale and Sequoyah Middle Schools, Forest Park High School and Stilwell School of the Arts.

The Engaging Minds project will serve arts educators and math teachers at all nine project schools and over the entire grant period will benefit 75 teachers and over 4,300 students in 4th through 9th grade by improving: (1) content knowledge and leadership skills of art educator, (2) content knowledge and effective use of arts integration among math teachers assigned to grades 4-9 and, (3) math performance among students in the project schools.

As required by the U.S. Department of Education, please see the following explanations:

- a) the percentage of the total costs of the program or project will be financed with Federal money (95% for this grant)
- b) the dollar amount of Federal funds for the project or program (\$1,260,432); and
- c) the percentage and dollar amount of the total costs of the project or program will be financed by non-governmental sources (5%, \$50,000 - CCPS)

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 54,000 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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