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## **CCPS Provides Graduation, Instructional & Prom Updates to Class of 2020**

**JONESBORO** – As Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) continues to cope with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the district’s leadership is paying close attention to all distance learning instructional opportunities and their engagement with our student population. The attached video provides CCPS seniors with important insight as they come closer to reaching the noteworthy milestone of obtaining their high school diploma. It is important to our Superintendent, Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, and the school community-at-large, that our seniors know that we are proud of them, we are here to support them, and we are going to do what is within our control to help them end strong.

During the video, Dr. Ralph Simpson, Deputy Superintendent of School Leadership and Improvement, encourages seniors to remain dedicated to this process and to be patient as we continue to evaluate prom and graduation ceremonies. It is important to remember that the district's first priority is ensuring that our students and their families are safe.

Dr. Ebony T. Lee, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, then highlights actions that seniors can apply in order to have a smooth transition from high school to post-secondary options. They are: (1) Know Your Graduation Status; (2) Stay on Course; and (3) Build Your Knowledge Network.

Finally, the video concludes with an insightful message from Dr. Alicia Dunn, Coordinator of Guidance and Counseling, informing seniors of the changes in assessments (e.g. SAT/ACT) and college-entry expectations and how their counselors are willing and well-able to provide expert guidance to help them fulfill their graduation requirements.

The video can be accessed here: <https://youtu.be/2v6eiU8Wddo>

It is our hope that the video is both encouraging and helpful for our seniors.

### **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 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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