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Message from Superintendent Dr. Morcease J. Beasley

As educators and those who support educators, we are charged with engaging scholars and cultivating their minds. We enable them to achieve their highest potential by leaving lasting impressions on our students. It is these lasting impressions which ultimately impact the future of our communities and our student's ability to reach high levels of performance within the classroom and throughout their lives. However, I ask that you understand it is not just during rigorous classroom instruction that young minds can be nurtured.

It is our collective mission, as employees and stakeholders of a school district, to support our students' dreams and ambitions as we would support our own children as they pursue engagement in constructive extracurricular activities in the name of the school district. Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) and its scholars have a rich history of achieving high levels of accomplishment in many extracurricular activities such as Mock Trial Tournaments, S.T.E.M Competitions, Sporting Events, Visual Exhibits and Fine Arts Performances, CTAE Competitive Events, etc. I implore everyone to take part in supporting our students as they participate and compete in activities as representatives of the district.

Numerous scholastic studies show a direct correlation between the successful participation in extracurricular activities and school attendance, academic achievement and the continuation of education beyond high school. In addition, extracurricular activities provide students with qualities and characteristics such as leadership and teamwork while encouraging critical thinking and fostering problem-solving skills which students can use within the classroom and beyond. Therefore, by supporting student participation in these activities, we are establishing a culture of enthusiasm between adults and students which will result in greater levels of motivation from our scholars as well as trust throughout our school system and community.

It takes a village to educate/support a child and our students need you! With that charge in mind, we encourage parents, guardians and all stakeholders to support our children by actively attending sporting, visual arts exhibits and performing art events. We are all responsible for the advancement of Clayton County as well as the contributions our students have on the global society. As Superintendent, I believe we must do everything in our power to motivate our students to learn and ultimately stimulate student success. With that said, I hope to see you all out supporting our students as they participate in these varied activities.

As we move forward in our Commitment to High Performance, I thank you for your continued support, and collaborative efforts in the pursuit of providing a globally competitive education that empowers our students to achieve academically thus becoming college and career ready. By achieving our mission, these productive, responsible citizens will propel our district to be one of the highest performing school systems in the nation!

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