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CCPS Superintendent Morcease J. Beasley issues a call to action

‘Members of this state government are attempting to prevent you from your day in court’

JONESBORO – Yesterday, a Georgia House of Representatives committee discussed and approved a proposed bill that could have a serious impact on Clayton County Public Schools’ (CCPS) ability to provide the best education possible for the children of Clayton County.

During a Ways and Means Committee Hearing House Bill (HB) 821 (attachment/link) was passed on to the Rules Committee. If passed by the House and State Senate and signed by Governor Nathan Deal, HB 821 would supersede the current federal court case. This would remove \$20 million from the current Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) and eliminate aviation fuel from any future SPLOST.

“Listen to the audio (see attachment/link) of yesterday’s Ways & Means Hearing which moved HB 821 to Rules,” said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, CCPS Superintendent of Schools. “The comments of Representative Chuck Efstrotation of District 104 and Representative Trey Kelley of District 16 should remind us that WE, the citizens of Clayton County, must band TOGETHER for our children.”

“Listen to voices of politicians, who are not accountable to you or your families, who basically told Clayton County Schools and in turn, the people of Clayton County to enjoy the money while it lasts, cause it’s going to end,” he said.

“Let us make sure our voices are heard as we seek a workable solution,” Dr. Beasley said. “We need to contact our legislators, those in the metro area and across the state (see attached list/link) and put a face on all the words that were shared today.”

“Contact the Governor’s office, the Lieutenant Governor’s office, the Speaker of the House and any elected state official you can think of and ask them why this is happening to our children,” Dr. Beasley added. “We are hopeful that our governor wants a beneficial resolution to this issue. Clayton County Public Schools stands united with Clayton County and all its municipalities/cities as this is the solution we are seeking – one that does not take anything away from the children in Clayton County.”

Clayton County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, and other officials will host a **Community Meeting on Saturday, February 10 at 3:00 p.m. at Charles Drew High School**, which is located at 6237 Garden Walk Boulevard in Riverdale, Georgia. The purpose of the Community Meeting is to share critical information to our stakeholders about the importance of this tax revenue that is used to pay for improvements to public education facilities, purchase school buses, improve technology and connectivity, supplement municipal and County General Funds.

About House Bill 821

House Bill 821 focuses in on the ongoing issue between the Federal Aviation Administration and the school district and county government. Clayton County Public Schools /Clayton County Government over access to collecting taxes on aviation fuel sold at Hartsfield Jackson International Airport.

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 almost 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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