



As we continue in our Commitment to High Performance, Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, along with Deputy Superintendent of School Improvement and Leadership, Dr. Ralph Simpson, are challenging all schools to establish male mentoring/outreach programs and participate in the *My Brother's Keeper Clayton* (MBKC) initiative, which is based on the principles of Former President Barack Obama's My Brother's Keeper Program.

Created in February of 2014, My Brother's Keeper utilizes six (6) milestones – 1) Getting a healthy start and entering school ready to learn, 2) Reading at grade level by third grade, 3) Graduating from high school ready for college and career, 4) Completing post-secondary education or training, 5) Successfully entering the workforce and 6) Keeping kids on track and giving them second chances – to address the persistent opportunity gaps facing boys and young men of color and to ensure all youth can reach their full potential.

To meet the six milestones, *My Brother's Keeper Clayton* will establish programs and procedures to monitor their attendance, academics, and discipline from grades kindergarten through 12th grade through a data dashboard that will also provide us with information on early warning signs of dropping out. In addition, MBKC will seek to increase the number of students completing an Academic or Career Tech Pathway, reduce the number of out of school suspensions and expulsions, as well as provide opportunities for Males of Color who are disproportionately suspended/expelled from school. Lastly, by creating male support groups at every level, MBKC will increase the number of Males of Color being exposed to rigorous and challenging courses e.g. Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Honors and Gifted courses.

