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## **Clayton County Solicitor General Donates Laptops to CCPS for 2<sup>nd</sup> Straight Year** *Adamson and Morrow Middle Schools to Receive 5 Laptops*

**JONESBORO** – Clayton County Public Schools’ (CCPS) Adamson and Morrow Middle Schools each received laptop donations today from the Office of the Clayton County Solicitor General through funding from the Clayton County Pre-Trial Intervention and Diversion Program. To be used within the In-School Suspension (ISS) locations at both schools, the laptops will assist in bridging the technology gap between traditional classrooms and the alternative instructional setting.

The Pre-Trial Intervention & Diversion Program is a diversion program which is offered to certain non-violent offenders who qualify for participation as an alternative to prosecution. By addressing the root cause of the arrest provoking behavior, the program seeks to enhance justice and public safety while deterring future criminal and negative behaviors.

“As we advance deeper into the digital age of education, we are attempting to reduce the number of students that may fall behind while in ISS,” said Clayton County Solicitor General Tasha Mosley. “From my experiences visiting ISS classrooms to speak to students about the importance of positive behaviors, I noticed some students have limited access to computers thus are completing assignments in workbooks while students in the regular classroom settings are engaging education through computerized instruction and other web-based platforms,” she explained. “While students are being disciplined for their actions, we want to make sure they are still receiving every opportunity to be academically successful.”

During the 2016-17 school year, the Office of the Solicitor General supplied Kendrick Middle School with five (5) laptops to be utilized in alternative instructional settings. This year, Solicitor General Mosley provided a total of ten (10) laptops – five each to Adamson and Morrow Middle Schools. The Psi Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., was also instrumental in donating two (2) laps to support each school site.

“We are grateful to have such a rewarding partnership with Solicitor Mosley,” stated Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Morcease J. Beasley. “Our children deserve every resource we can offer to ensure their academic achievement and I thank Solicitor Mosley for her tireless work in doing what is right for our children and community as well as being a consistent supporter of our school district.”

Clayton County Solicitor General Mosely also spearheads the annual back-to-school supply drive which ensures CCPS students have enough supplies on the first day of school; donations often exceed \$300,000.

“Solicitor Mosley has really been a dream come true for us at Adamson Middle School and this donation is going to enhance the way we are able to supply instruction and engage students that have been placed in alternative instructional settings,” said Adamson Middle School Principal, Charles Wilkerson. “Solicitor Mosley has such a powerful presence within our school as she frequently visits to speak to our students as well as provide various items to be used to encourage parental engagement. Having that level of community support plays a huge role in what we are trying to accomplish at Adamson and throughout the school district and we greatly appreciate our partnership with Solicitor Mosley as well as our other partners in education which continue to support our students and our school district,” he concluded.

“My job as Solicitor General is to ensure that the citizens of Clayton County remain in a safe environment to live, work and play as well as continue to contribute to creating a better environment for future generations to excel,” said Solicitor Mosley. “Today’s young people will be the leaders of this community and their education will play a huge role in their success and the success of the community. Whether it be school supply donations or laptops, we have to work together to ensure the students of Clayton County have the tools they need to be successful and I am very honored to be able to partner with CCPS in their pursuit of excellence,” she added.

“The Morrow Middle School family is sincerely thankful for this donation of laptop computers from Solicitor General Mosley to expand the learning opportunities for our students who have been placed in alternative learning environments,” said Lawvigneaud Harrell, Principal of Morrow Middle School. “Through her generosity and that of her partners, these laptops will support our efforts to create a successful environment for all students throughout our school and within the community that we serve. Morrow Middle is building a culture of high performance within our student body, their families, and our instructional staff and I am confident that with the continued engagement of partners such as Solicitor Mosley, we will succeed in preparing our students to be college and career ready.”

### **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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