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Elite Scholars Academy to Open for Instruction October 2

(JONESBORO) – On Monday, October 2, the newest facility in Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) will officially open its doors for students. Elite Scholars Academy (ESA) will relocate to the newly completed school at 7923 Fielder Road in Jonesboro. The school will continue to serve students in grades six through twelve.

A host of district officials and community representatives are expected to be onsite to welcome students as they arrive for their first day in the new building.

This will be the third move for ESA since the school opened in 2009. Its initial home was at the Perry Center for Learning in downtown Jonesboro. It then was relocated to the old Morrow Middle School building on Maddox Road in Morrow.

The new facility, built at a cost of \$22.2 million, features 48 instructional units (classrooms, labs, etc.) and space for 700 students. The school also features a digital animation lab and a business service lab, as well as athletic facilities, such as a gymnasium, tennis court, soccer field, and track.

More than 600 residents of Clayton County and the surrounding area got an opportunity to tour the new campus during a recent ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony.

“We are excited to open our newest facility for such an outstanding educational institution,” said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, CCPS Superintendent of Schools. “We anticipate that Elite Scholars Academy will continue to be a source of pride for our school district as well as the Clayton County community.”

ESA New Site Quick Facts

Address: 7923 Fielder Road, Jonesboro, GA 30236

Phone: 770-742-2823

Cost of construction: \$22,170,735

Construction began: January 2016

Capacity: 700

Square footage: 128,721

Number of Instructional Units: 48

Key Features: Digital Animation Lab, Business Service Lab

Serves: Grades 6 through 12

About Elite Scholars Academy

Elite Scholars Academy (ESA) serves CCPS as an Early College Magnet School. It has earned numerous honors and recognitions including being named a Georgia School of Excellence (2013) and as a National Blue Ribbon Schools by the U.S. Department of Education (2014).

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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