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Reaction to Friday Evening Incident Reports

JONESBORO – Clayton County Police Department has issued an informative statement regarding the shooting incident which occurred Friday, May 18. It states that the incident began as an argument that escalated.

While the incident took place in a parking lot adjacent to Mount Zion High School (MZHS) and followed the Perry Career Academy graduation event at the Performing Arts Center (across Mt. Zion Parkway from the school), it was **not** related to either the ceremony or MZHS.

“While our school district community is rightfully concerned about the incident, it is disappointing that it has overshadowed and diminished a positive memory for an exceptional group of graduating seniors,” said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, Superintendent of Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS). “Violence of any kind is not tolerated on a district campus nor at a district event.”

“As it relates to our upcoming graduations at the Georgia International Convention Center (GICC), we will have a visible security presence,” he said. “We ask everyone who plans to attend any of the ten ceremonies, that they conduct themselves in accordance with the nature of the event, recognizing the positive accomplishments of Clayton County’s youth.”

CCPS will conduct graduation exercises at the GICC in College Park on Thursday through Saturday, May 23-26. A complete schedule of the ceremonies can be found on the district’s website, www.clayton.k12.ga.us.

About Clayton County Public Schools

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited through 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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