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Clayton County Public Schools Partners with Non-Profit Vision to Learn

JONESBORO— Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is proud to announce that the district has partnered with Vision to Learn (VTL) to provide access to critical vision services to students. Established as a non-profit charity, VTL services more than 200 cities nationwide and offers free examinations and free glasses (a value of \$100) to children in low-income communities. Beginning in September, these services will be available at 10 schools identified as having the highest need based on the child well-being index.

Available to students in grades kindergarten through twelfth during the 2018-19 school year, students who have not been seen previously by VTL within a year, will have the opportunity to visit a Vision to Learn mobile clinic to receive vision services. While visiting the mobile clinic, students who have been recommended for further examination, will receive a modified vision screening exam with full auto-refraction by a licensed optometrist. These services will be provided regardless of insurance coverage, immigration status or ability to pay.

“As educators, it is our mission to assist in eliminating barriers that would limit or prevent our students from achieving their greatest potential,” said Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Morcease J. Beasley. “While we focus on educating our students, we must also be aware of outside factors and create solutions that work to the children's benefit. I am very proud of our Division of Student Support Services for their commitment to identifying programs that benefit our students and positively impact their ability to succeed,” he concluded.

The vision screenings will be available to students at the following elementary schools in the order of listing: King, West Clayton, Church Street, Northcutt, Oliver, Edmonds, Huie, Riverdale, Harper and Pointe South. Once eligible students (with parental consent) attending the aforementioned schools have received services (screening, examination, and received glasses, if needed), the district will phase in ten additional schools until all schools are completed. Please see the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) and attached flyer for more information.

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