



# Clayton County Public Schools

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### Interim Superintendent Shares a Message of Appreciation

**JONESBORO** - Dr. Anthony W. Smith, Interim Superintendent of Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS), voiced his appreciation for the outpouring of support by the county's registered voters for the continuation of the one cent Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (E-SPLOST) during Tuesday's Special Election. Based on unofficial results, E-SPLOST VII passed with nearly 80 percent of ballots cast.

"There are so many people to thank for this tremendous demonstration of confidence in our vision for the future of Clayton County Public Schools," said Dr. Smith. "A future that focuses on early learning, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) learning and athletics as the guiding principles for effectively *Building A Better Tomorrow, Today.*"

"First, representing the leadership of the school district, I offer my appreciation to all those registered voters who exercised their constitutional right to cast a ballot in the special election and extend my congratulations to those who were successful in their efforts to seek elective office," Dr. Smith stated. "More significantly, I send a heartfelt thank you to those voting in support of the E-SPLOST VII continuing referendum. Your action has demonstrated a profound confidence and trust in our ability to begin, manage, and complete this monumental facility construction/improvement program – a trust that we will confirm."

"I thank the members of the Clayton County Board of Education for their steadfast belief in our proposals for moving the district forward," the Interim Superintendent said. "Each member has been vocal in their support and efforts to promote our instructional and facilities plan without reservation."

"I also strongly commend the Clayton County E-SPLOST Citizens Committee under the leadership of Dr. Cephus Jackson, a retired CCPS administrator who answered the call when issued," Dr. Smith added. "Through his leadership, the Committee, and other community groups, provided the backbone for this successful E-SPLOST campaign, delivering our message to the citizenry when the school district's employees were not legally able to do so."

"While we are truly enjoying this special moment, we cannot sit and reflect on this success. The approval of this continuation referendum is a signal to push our robust construction agenda forward with vigor and purpose. In the weeks leading up to the Special Election, in multiple appearances, I made a commitment to elevate our school district's facilities to provide some of the finest structures in Metro Atlanta, the state of Georgia, and beyond. It is no longer time for talking. It is now time that we get to work *Building a Better Tomorrow, Today* for our students and their families, our employees, and our communities," Dr. Smith concluded.

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**About Clayton County Public Schools:** Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by Cognia. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 50,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the sixth-largest school system in Georgia.

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