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## **Clayton County Public Schools Expands Grab-N-Go Meal Service**

*District partners with Atlanta Food Bank to provide Grocery Service*

**JONESBORO** – Effective Wednesday, March 18, 2020, Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) will add eleven (11) Grab-N-Go meal service locations for a total of **twenty-one (21) sites** to provide breakfast and lunch meals to children during the indefinite school closure. The school system has altered the service hours **allowing children to pick up both breakfast and lunch at the same time**. The new hours to receive meals are **9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Please note that children must be present to receive meals**. These meals are available to all children that are 18 years old and under or over 18 with a state-defined mental or physical disability.

Locations now serving meals are as follows: **Elementary Schools:** Church Street, Eddie White Academy, Edmonds, Fountain, Huie, Jackson, King, Lake Ridge, Lee Street, Pointe South, Tara, and West Clayton. **Middle Schools:** Kendrick, Morrow, North Clayton, and Rex Mill. **High Schools:** Forest Park, Lovejoy, Mount Zion, Mundy’s Mill and Riverdale.

“As our district continues to monitor the impact the Coronavirus pandemic has on our nation, we understand we must do what we can to ensure that we serve our community to the full extent of our ability,” said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, Superintendent of Schools. “We have a diverse population within our county and we understand the challenges associated with traveling great distances to participate in the meal service opportunity. By adding more locations, we hope to mitigate some of those challenges for our students and their families,” he concluded.

In addition, the Atlanta Community Food Bank will establish a Mobile Food Pantry that will be available to support families on Friday, March 20th at 4:00 p.m. at Forest Park Middle School. The food pantry previously scheduled for Tuesday, March 31st at Riverdale Elementary School will be merged with the grocery services provided at King Elementary School on Friday, March 27, 2020. Beginning Friday, March 27, the Atlanta Community Food Bank will also provide free groceries to the families of Clayton County Public Schools students at five (5) locations every Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. until further notice.

Sites hosting the Atlanta Community Food Bank grocery services **effective Friday, March 27** are Huie Elementary, King Elementary, Tara Elementary, West Clayton Elementary, and Lovejoy High School. Volunteers are needed for this initiative at the five Food Bank locations and should arrive by 9:00 a.m. every Thursday until further notice to package food items. Additionally, volunteers are needed to assist in distributing the packaged food to participants and should arrive by 8:00 a.m. every Friday, at the sites until further notice. Individuals interested in assisting with this volunteer opportunity should confirm via email at [ccpscommunications@clayton.k12.ga.us](mailto:ccpscommunications@clayton.k12.ga.us). The grocery services will be available for pick up each Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

It is important to note that District Officials are continuing to monitor the impact of COVID-19 on our state and nation and will adjust plans as needed in response to changing circumstances. All updates will be communicated as they occur.

## **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 over 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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