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Clayton County Public Schools Remembers Lt. Col. Brian Ellis

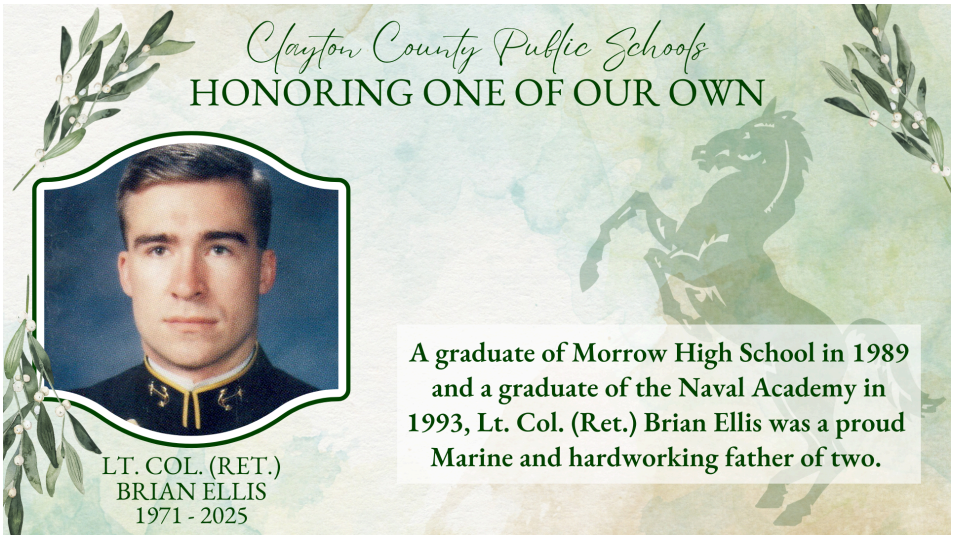
JONESBORO - Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) sadly acknowledges that Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Brian Ellis, a 1989 alumnus of Morrow High School, was among those tragically killed in the recent mid-air collision over Washington, D. C. last week. It is important to note that he was also a leader and starter on the 1987 Morrow High School State Championship Football Team. He later advanced to be the starting quarterback his senior year - an early sign of his leadership and commitment to team values. He was a distinguished 1993 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and former quarterback for the Midshipmen's football team. According to the enclosed article, Lt. Col. Ellis had two sons. He is leaving a legacy of leadership, dedication, and selflessness.

The school district – its leadership, employees, and students – extends its heartfelt condolences to Lt. Col. Ellis's family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him during this difficult time.

As a tribute to Lt. Col. (Ret) Brian Ellis, Morrow High School will fly flags at half-staff and will add his name to its Notable Alumni Wall of Fame. The district will reserve a moment of silence on his behalf at the February 3, 2025 Board meeting.

The following link connects to an article in the Baltimore Banner related to Lt. Colonel (Ret) Brian Ellis:

https://www.thebaltimorebanner.com/community/local-news/brian-ellis-naval-academy-plane-crash-victim-3YXA4HTJKVH4RDVV5INBZJ7RL4/



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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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