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Interim Superintendent Douglas Hendrix Sr. Centers Student Voice, Coherence, and Accountability in First Student Advisory Meeting

JONESBORO - On Thursday, February 19, 2026, Dr. Douglas Hendrix Sr., Interim Superintendent of Clayton County Public Schools, hosted his first Superintendent's Student Advisory meeting. The session, held at S. Truett Cathy Professional Learning Center in Jonesboro, brought together student leaders from every school across grades 5-12, each selected to represent their peers and provide meaningful input on critical topics impacting their educational experience.

The meeting began with welcoming remarks from Dr. Ebony T. Lee, Chief of Communications, who introduced district leaders, outlined the advisory's purpose, and clarified which topics are best suited for the Superintendent versus school-level staff, helping students engage with clarity and confidence.

Building Coherence Through Leadership and Action

In a candid and interactive discussion, Dr. Hendrix introduced students to the core principles guiding his work as Interim Superintendent, emphasizing *coherence* as the foundation for strong teams, consistent expectations, and student success. He outlined specific, student-centered actions that reinforce coherence across schools and empower students to take ownership of their learning communities.

- Be Present
- Engage Fully
- Think Deeply
- Respect the Learning Environment
- Improve Continuously

Following the presentation, students engaged directly with Dr. Hendrix, sharing school-based challenges, while also offering thoughtful, solution-oriented feedback—reinforcing the advisory's role as a meaningful bridge between students and district leadership.

Students Shape Updated Code of Conduct

Students also participated in a working session on the draft update of the CCPS Student Code of Conduct, led by the Department of Student Discipline, Prevention and Intervention (DPI). The discussion was facilitated by Dr. Melvin Blocker, Executive Director; Dr. Maureen Egbuna, Director; and Ms. Amy Robinson, Coordinating Supervisor. Ms. Latasha Lowe, Legal Compliance Officer, provided guidance on how the proposed updates align with district policy and legal standards.

Students reviewed the draft code and offered direct feedback, ensuring their perspectives inform policies designed to promote fairness, accountability, and supportive learning environments across the district.

Looking Ahead

The meeting concluded with remarks from Dr. Keith Colbert, Senior Chief of School Leadership and Improvement, who emphasized that as CCPS continues strengthening school safety and culture, future advisories will increasingly center student insight on improving teaching and learning across classrooms.

On behalf of Interim Superintendent Dr. Douglas Hendrix Sr., CCPS extends sincere appreciation to all Student Advisory members for their leadership, honesty, and commitment to helping build a stronger future for Clayton County Public Schools.

Photos from the meeting are available here:

<https://ccpscommunications.client-gallery.com/gallery/25-26-student-advisory-2>

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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. ###

