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CCPS Cuts Ribbon of Second Elementary School-Based Health Center

The ceremony took place on the campus of Lee Street Elementary

JONESBORO - Clayton County Public Schools proudly announces the grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for its second elementary school-based health center, *The Roaring Eagle School-Based Health Center*, located at Lee Street Elementary School. This significant milestone was made possible through a generous \$1 million grant and reflects the district's continued commitment to supporting the whole child. The center will be managed and operated by Southside Medical Center, expanding access to essential, high-quality healthcare services for students and families, while strengthening overall student well-being and success.

The opening ceremony was a vibrant, student-centered celebration that showcased the talent and leadership of scholars across the district. Students from Lee Street Elementary led the program, proudly lending their voices to this significant milestone. The event also featured dynamic performances by the Jonesboro Middle School dance team and the Mount Zion High School drumline, creating an atmosphere filled with excitement, energy, and community pride.

"Access to quality healthcare is a fundamental human right. By investing in school-based health centers, we are ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive, learn, and succeed without barriers to their well-being," stated Interim Superintendent, Dr. Douglas Hendrix Sr., addressing the crowd of students, parents, board members, district leaders, elected officials, and community partners.

Principal Wendall Span reflected on the impact of the partnership, sharing, "This partnership strengthens our ability to support the whole child while extending care beyond the classroom and into our community. It represents hope, opportunity, and a stronger future for our students and families."

Emphasizing the district's vision, Deputy Superintendent of Student Support Services, Dr. April C. Crawford stated, "This school-based health center represents our unwavering commitment to maximizing impact, removing barriers, and ensuring every student has access to the care and support needed to be successful both in and out of the classroom."

"This initiative is a powerful example of what is possible when partnerships, purpose, and resources align. By supporting the whole child, we are creating stronger pathways for student success and healthier communities," concluded Dr. Angela Horison-Collier, Director of Student Services.

The Roaring Eagle School-Based Health Center will offer comprehensive services, including primary care, preventive health screenings, immunizations, mental and behavioral health support, health education, and referrals to specialized care. These services are designed to provide convenient access to quality healthcare while minimizing time away from instruction and promoting overall student wellness.

During the ceremony, several students were recognized for their contributions to the planning committee and for their artwork displayed throughout the center, further highlighting the student voice embedded in this initiative.

Student Focus Group:

Eva Moreno
Leah Hernandez
Dyonte Smith, Jr.
Ariel Clay

Artwork:

Tyrus Carr
Jay Bell
Demetrius Hickman
Christian Banks
Lyriq Crowley
Rosalen Herrin
Lovely McCoy
Ariel Clay
Abigail Okwandu

Myracle Shumate
Ari'Anni Fondren
Kylie Simon
Dakhyri Barber
Promise Canady
Perla Sanchez-Mora
Brielle Woods
Hay'Lee Clopton
Kay'Lee Clopton

To view photos of this special event, please [click here](#).

About Southside Medical Center (SMC)

Committed to providing exceptional primary health care and related services to the medically underserved of Metropolitan Atlanta, Southside Medical Center was founded in 1967 as the Atlanta Southside Comprehensive Health Center. SMC has been nationally recognized by the National Association of Community Health Centers for having one of the best primary health care delivery systems for the medically underserved in the country.

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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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