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To: Clayton County Private Schools and Parents of Clayton County Home-Schooled Students

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Through: J. Trina Smith, ^(TS)Director, Department of Exceptional Students

Date: July 27, 2026

RE: 2026–2027 Proportionate Share Final Disposition

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is providing this letter to communicate the district's final decision regarding the provision of Equitable Services for private school and home-schooled students who are eligible for special education under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

In accordance with IDEA requirements and the district's commitment to providing equitable educational opportunities, CCPS conducted Proportionate Share consultation meetings on **May 28, 2026**, and **May 29, 2026**. During these meetings, district representatives aimed to provide private school representatives and parents of home-schooled students information about the reservation of Proportionate Share funds, the types and amounts of equitable services available, Child Find procedures, and the process for providing comments regarding special education services for eligible private school and home-schooled students residing within the CCPS attendance boundaries for the 2026–2027 school year. Additionally, the district sought to obtain input from these stakeholders.

After carefully considering the outcome of the consultation process, the district has determined that each eligible student may receive **up to four (4) hours of services through Equitable Services**. Services will include **Academic Instruction, Speech/Language Therapy, and/or Occupational Therapy, as students are eligible and as documented in** each student's individual **Services Plan**. All services will be provided in accordance with the district's approved academic calendar. Transportation may be considered, based on individual need and service availability, for students receiving services through a Services Plan.

Services will be available from **August 17, 2026 through June 4 2027**. Services Plans will be offered on a **first-come, first-served** basis. Students who cannot be immediately accommodated will be placed on a waiting list.

As part of its ongoing responsibilities under IDEA, Clayton County Public Schools continues to identify, locate, and evaluate children suspected of having disabilities—including students enrolled in private schools and those receiving home-school instruction—through the Child Find process. If you believe your child, or another child residing within the district, may need special education services, we encourage you to contact us.

For additional information or to make a referral, please contact the **Department of Exceptional Students** at **des@clayton.k12.ga.us** or **770-472-8473**.