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CCPS Earns an Exemplary Rating on State Authorizer Evaluation

JONESBORO - Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is proud to announce that the district has received an "Exemplary" rating on its 2026 Georgia State Authorizer Evaluation, which was conducted earlier this year. CCPS received the exemplary rating in 14 of 15 categories to earn the overall rating.

"This is an amazing accomplishment," said Ms. Mary Baker, Clayton County Board of Education Vice Chair (District 6), who served as the Board's Charter School Liaison. "I offer my congratulations to the team that worked on this project."

"Moving from 'Needs Improvement' last year to receiving an 'Exemplary' status this year is a testament to the rigorous work and strategic thinking on the part of our district team," said Dr. Douglas Hendrix Sr., Superintendent/CEO of Schools. "Special recognition should be given to Dr.Chantara Rumph-Carter for her leadership in this evaluation process."

"Last year we received seven 'Needs Improvement' marks and an overall 'Adequate' rating," said Dr. Carter, Director of External Relations and Charter Schools. "Over the past year, the district revamped its entire charter school program and authorizer practices to ensure that we were in complete compliance.

About Georgia Authorizer Evaluation
Georgia law requires an annual review of all charter school authorizers to assess their adherence to the principles and standards of charter school authorizing practices approved by the State Board of Education.

The Georgia State Charter School Commission developed an evaluation tool based on the 15 standards of quality practices in the Georgia Principles and Standards for Charter School Authorizing. This evaluation assesses the authorizer's core responsibilities in the following areas:

1. Authorizer Commitment & Capacity
2. The Petition Process
3. Performance Contracting
4. Oversight and Evaluation
5. Renewal and Termination

The National Association of Charter School Authorizers conducts the authorizer evaluation.

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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