



Clayton County Public Schools

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Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Anthony W. Smith Official Statement

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) announces on behalf of the newly appointed Interim Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Anthony W. Smith, his priorities and plans for the second semester of the 2022-2023 school year and beyond.

Dr. Smith recently announced during his oath of office swearing-in ceremony strategic plans currently underway to present to the Board of Education as he embarks upon his new leadership role. Those plans will be publicly announced and presented to all stakeholders as approved and finalized by district leadership while working with all Board members. The Board of Education appointed Dr. Anthony W. Smith, on December 5, 2022, to serve as Interim Superintendent beginning December 17, 2022.

"I am excited about my appointment to this leadership position by the Clayton County Board of Education to provide oversight and lead the charge for Clayton County Public Schools, 52,000 students and their families, over 7,300 employees, and actively engage with the more than 297,000 Clayton County constituents as we work in collaboration to write the next chapter," said Dr. Smith.

"There's much more work to be done and I'm excited to have been very instrumental in implementing many of those plans currently underway to rebuild schools; to support instruction and new infrastructure that ultimately shapes our communities; a robust plan for academic achievement; the undertaking of a massive construction project to build a new arena South of Atlanta that will locally host major recreational activities, sporting, and special events; upgrade all athletic facilities; create greater school dining experiences as well as establish robust engagement opportunities for all community stakeholders," Dr. Smith stated.

Dr. Smith recently announced his five priorities and plans during the swearing-in ceremony held in his honor on December 14. Those plans include but will not be limited to the following:

- Creating safe schools and a wonderful work environment for all students and staff
- Improve instruction to enhance student's academic achievement
- Ensure CCPS has strong business partnerships and financial stability
- Prioritize organizing of the administration and its resources for greater success
- Implement more facility improvements and special projects

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In addition to sharing his platform priorities, Dr. Smith also established the school district's theme: *"Building A Better Tomorrow, Today."* "I am excited for the journey ahead and motivated by the electric energy publicly displayed by the overwhelming attendance and staunch support from all key stakeholders such as district and school-level leadership, Clayton County officials as well as civic, community, and faith-based leaders the other evening. I am confident by the massive number of attendees that the community is excited and eager to support the new developments forecasted that will contribute to the continued modernization and transformation of this progressive school district," Dr. Smith added.

The school district is proud to share a link to view significant highlights from Dr. Anthony W. Smith's Swearing-In Ceremony, which also promotes his platform, please click here <https://youtu.be/3nw9Ct0qrko>.

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