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CCSD STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL FIVE-DAYS-A-WEEK ON APRIL 12

March 22, 2021

(ATHENS, GA)- Superintendent Dr. Xernona Thomas announced today that all Clarke County School District (CCSD) schools will resume full-time, in-person instruction following Spring Break on Monday, April 12, 2021, for all students.

Full-time, Virtual Learning remains an option for families who are not comfortable with in-person instruction.

Currently, Wednesdays are designated Virtual Learning Days for all students to allow for deep cleaning in all CCSD schools and buildings. The consistently low numbers of COVID-19 positive cases and required quarantines were important factors in deciding to return to full-time, in-person instruction.

High School students presently attend school in cohorts based on their last name. Today, middle school students represented the final grades to return to classes since the phased-in return to face-to-face instruction began on February 15.

“Bringing everyone back full-time is definitely not a decision we made lightly. As we have demonstrated, safety is- and always will be- our primary consideration,” Dr. Thomas said.

“The timing of having everyone return following Spring Break is intentional because by then, the majority of our district staff will have received both doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.”

All district COVID-19 safety and enhanced cleaning protocols will continue throughout the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.

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***Our Vision:** Building a culture of high expectations and equity in which all students grow academically and socially to improve our community and our world.*

***Our Mission:** The Clarke County School District is an ambitious community of learners in a diverse and culturally rich county. We are committed to equity and excellence through the implementation of rigorous standards in a safe and supportive environment — on every campus, in every classroom, and for every child.*