

## **Clayton County Public Schools Airport Chamber Meeting Narrative**

On Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, Clayton County Public Schools, Superintendent/CEO of Schools, Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, presented as a guest speaker to leaders of the ATL Airport Chamber (TAAC) during a regularly scheduled board meeting. TAAC is comprised of a group of business, civic and governmental leaders working in collaboration to make the ATL airport region a priority area for business growth by promoting and supporting economic success of the regional business community.

During the meeting, Dr. Beasley shared key information regarding the school district's priorities, goals and strategic plans, advanced learning expectations and opportunities, along with defining the school system's commitment to high performance. He detailed current achievements in academic growth and plans to accelerate learning to increase students' readiness for college and career.

In addition to highlighting notable accomplishments and proposals for capital projects, renovations and continued implementation of extending learning beyond the classrooms with the purchase of technical devices, Dr. Beasley encouraged meeting participants to support our staff and students by becoming a partner in a meaningful and significant way with the school district. He strongly stressed the importance of community collaboration working with the school system to achieve higher levels of student performance and to enhance the overall quality of life for Clayton County.

Finally, the Superintendent of Schools reminded all key officials about the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) referendum that is currently under consideration by registered voters to renew/extend the current SPLOST. The special election is scheduled for March 19, 2019. A collection of a one-cent Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax is currently used to provide funding that has enhanced the quality of education received by Clayton County's students. While it is optional for local voters to decide, Dr. Beasley indicated that many proposed construction projects to build new schools, purchase more technical devices, renovate aging buildings and refresh the bus fleet is only contingent upon a favorable outcome of the SPLOST referendum election.