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### **Clayton County Public Schools Meets All Mandates and Requirements for Accreditation**

ATLANTA, GA, May 13, 2011 –AdvancED affirmed that Clayton County Public Schools has fully addressed the Accreditation Standard for Governance and Leadership. The AdvancED Georgia Council and the AdvancED Accreditation Commission voted to accept the report of the Monitoring Team visiting Clayton County Public Schools, April 27-28, which stated that the school system has met all mandates and requirements of previous Review Team reports. The accreditation status for each individual Clayton County school will be restored in accordance with the results of each school's Quality Assurance Review.

Accredited on Probation for the last two years, Clayton County Public Schools has hosted Monitoring Teams from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI), an accreditation division of AdvancED, every six months. Each team has observed and reported progress toward the mandates and recommendations. This most recent Monitoring Team visit was the first opportunity the school system had for a review of and change in accreditation status.

“After facing significant challenges, the leaders of Clayton County Public Schools are to be commended for their commitment to improving the quality of education in Clayton County for the benefit of all students,” stated Dr. Mark Elgart, President and CEO, AdvancED. “The Board, superintendent and district leadership has successfully addressed each of the requirements for accreditation.” said Elgart.

Each individual Clayton County school will be placed on a five-year accreditation renewal and will host Quality Assurance Review visits five years from their most recent visits.

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