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School district joins community to celebrate accomplishment

Plans for county-wide event underway

JONESBORO – Let the party begin!

Clayton County Public Schools is joining with the county's business and civic leaders to throw a community party celebrating the lifting of probation by the leadership of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

The Gerald Matthews Soccer Complex in Lovejoy will host the event scheduled for **Saturday, July 30, 2011**. The fun will begin at 3 p.m. and will continue until 7 p.m.

"All of Clayton County was affected by the loss of accreditation," said Dr. Stefanie Phillips, CCPS Deputy Superintendent. "The lifting of the probation was accomplished in continuous collaboration with the entire Clayton County community and would not have been possible without our partners."

"Our hope is that the entire community can attend and enjoy a celebration worthy of our achievement," Phillips added.

Initial plans call for multiple stages featuring the talents of CCPS students and CCPS staff, as well as community performers. An assortment of games, activities, and foods are being included. In an effort to keep this event free to the public, donations are being sought.

For more information or to make a donation to support the celebration, contact Rhonda Burnough, CCPS Community Relations Liaison, at 770-473-2760 or rburnough@clayton.k12.ga.us.