

**CLAYTON COUNTY RECOGNIZES
LOVEJOY HIGH SCHOOL
RANKED AMONG THE BEST IN THE COUNTRY**

- WHEREAS:** The 2013 Best High School Rankings are provided by the U.S. News and World Report in conjunction with the American Institutes for Research (AIR); and
- WHEREAS:** AIR implemented the U.S. News's comprehensive rankings, which are based on the key principles that a great high school must serve all of its students well, not just those who are college-bound. It must be able to produce measurable academic outcomes to show the school is successfully educating its student body across a range of performance indicators; and
- WHEREAS:** To obtain a national ranking, a three-step process is utilized to determine the best high schools. The first two steps ensure that the school is serving the entire student body well, using performance on state proficiency tests as benchmarks. After successfully completing steps one and two, a third and final step assesses the degree to which schools prepare students for college-level work; and
- WHEREAS:** The 2013 rankings included 21,035 public high schools in 49 states and the District of Columbia. While 550 Georgia high schools were considered, only 88 were recognized as the best in the state; and
- WHEREAS:** Lovejoy High School was chosen as one of the three top high schools that were recognized in Clayton County. Under the directional leadership of Principal, Dr. Keith Colbert, Lovejoy High School's mission is to produce academically competitive students on a global scale, so that they will become effective communicators, lifelong learners and productive citizens; and
- WHEREAS:** Lovejoy High School received a Bronze National Ranking for 2013 with a total enrollment number of 1,894 students who scored a 91% in English and an 82% in Math; and
- WHEREAS:** Clayton County is proud to honor Lovejoy High School for their outstanding academic achievement and National recognition; now
- THEREFORE:** I, SHANA M. ROOKS, Commissioner, on behalf of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize and congratulate Lovejoy High School for being named among the best high schools in the country. I encourage all citizens to join me in honoring Lovejoy High School for their dedication and commitment to academic excellence.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Clayton County, Georgia to be affixed this 11th day of June in the year two thousand thirteen.

Shana M. Rooks, Commissioner, District 3