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**DEKALB CEO AND DEKALB COUNTY SCHOOL
SUPERINTENDENT PARTNER ON
HEART OF DEKALB PROGRAM**

DECATUR – DeKalb County Chief Executive Officer Burrell Ellis partnered with DeKalb County Superintendent Crawford Lewis to create a summer pilot program that exposed 195 students from Towers High School and Dunaire Elementary School to science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) academic enrichment, as well as a physical fitness nutrition component.

The program focused on leadership development, community pride, pursuit of careers in STEM, and health awareness. Students from Towers restored, cultivated and designed gardens for four courtyards located on the school grounds. Students from Dunaire learned nutritional instructions from professionals that emphasized eating for health and longevity.

“This was a great collaborative partnership between DeKalb County government and the DeKalb County School System,” said CEO Ellis. The Heart of DeKalb program is an excellent example of what we can do as a community when we pull our resources together for our children.”

Over 15 partners joined the CEO and Superintendent to make the program a success – Greater Towers Community, Greater Towers Neighborhood Watch, Wonderland Gardens, DeKalb Workforce Development, Community Development, Parks and Recreation, Parks Bond & Green Space, Cooperative Extension, Sanitation Department, Facilities Management, Child Advocacy, Human Resources Department, DCTV, GIS Department, and Kaiser Permanente.

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Deputy Chief of Staff Bettye Davis with program participants from the Heart of DeKalb – Towers Program



CEO Ellis congratulates Heart of DeKalb - Towers participants

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