

**Atlanta Public Schools to Host First Annual Minority Coaches Association of Georgia Senior Bowl Classic**

*Two games featuring Atlanta Public Schools vs. Columbus/Muscogee County seniors and Clayton County vs. South Fulton County seniors*

**ATLANTA** – A brand new high school all-star football game featuring 150 of the state’s top senior players will be held in Atlanta on New Year’s Weekend.

**A press conference will be held at 1 p.m., Tuesday, December 19, at APS’ Lakewood Stadium, to introduce the inaugural Minority Coaches Association of Georgia (MCAofGA) Senior Bowl Classic, which is scheduled for Friday, December 29, at Lakewood Stadium. The first annual MCAofGA Senior Bowl Classic will consist of two all-star games featuring seniors football players from Atlanta Public Schools (APS), Clayton County, Columbus/Muscogee County and South Fulton County:**

-- **Game 1 (1 p.m.):** South Fulton (coached by Banneker’s Mario Allen) vs. Clayton County (coached by Lovejoy’s Edgar Carson)

-- **Game 2 (4 p.m.):** APS (coached by Douglass’ Rodney Cofield) vs. Columbus/Muscogee County (coached by Spencer’s Pierre Coffee)

Recruiters from several colleges will be in attendance, giving these seniors another opportunity to earn scholarships. Just like the 2017 Heisman Trophy winner, quarterback Baker Mayfield who began his career as a walk-on player at Texas Tech before transferring to Oklahoma, many of the seniors in this all-star game are diamonds in the rough who have been overlooked.

According to APS Director of Athletics Jasper Jewell:

“Most of these seniors have not received the exposure that some other players have. These are some very talented student athletes, and we wanted to provide them with another opportunity to showcase themselves in front of college recruiters.”

**WHAT:** Press conference to announce the inaugural MCAofGA Senior Bowl Classic, featuring seniors from APS, Clayton County, Columbus/Muscogee County and South Fulton County. Head coaches from each team will be in attendance.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, December 19 | 1 p.m.

**WHERE:** Lakewood Stadium | [70 Claire Drive, SE](#)

**WHY:** To provide more than 150 senior football players another opportunity to play in front of college recruiters.

***About Atlanta Public Schools***

Atlanta Public Schools is one of the largest school districts in the state of Georgia, serving approximately 52,000 students across 88 schools. The district is organized into nine K-12 clusters with 67 traditional schools, 17 charter schools, two citywide single-gender academies and two alternative programs. For more information, visit [www.atlantapublicschools.us](http://www.atlantapublicschools.us) , follow us on at <https://www.facebook.com/AtlantaPublicSchools/> and @apsupdate on Facebook and Twitter.