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## Meriwether County School System to Protect Students, Staff with Air and Surface Disinfection Technology

**GREENVILLE, Ga. – July 29, 2023 –** The Meriwether County School System in Georgia is gearing up for the new school year by making disinfection a priority for students and staff. This summer, the county installed disinfection technology units from CASPR Technologies in the district to better disinfect air and surfaces and reduce pathogens, mold, and viruses including influenza and SARS-CoV-2.

"Back in 2021, we <u>installed CASPR Transit units</u> on our entire bus fleet as a means to continuously disinfect our buses and keep students and drivers safe," said Dr. Robert Griffin, Superintendent of Meriwether County Schools, "So as a natural next step, we wanted to deploy the technology in our schools ahead of the upcoming academic year so we can add another layer of protection while also maximizing student and employee attendance."

Working with distributor <u>BioShark</u>, the district installed a mixture of CASPR (Continuous Air & Surface Pathogen Reduction) units in the school, athletic and administrative facilities of the entire district. The technology features CASPR's proprietary NCC<sup>TM</sup> technology, which converts humidity in ambient air into safe levels of gaseous, residue-free hydrogen peroxide molecules that are continuously spread throughout a target area, eliminating up to 99.96% of viruses, bacteria, and other pathogens in the air and on surfaces.

"With the CASPR Transit units, we have seen a reduction in bus driver absenteeism," said Mickie Samper, Director of Transportation for Meriwether County School System. "In addition, we had a driver comment it was the first time in 30 years of driving a school bus that she didn't have a bus full of sick kids, and a year when she herself didn't get sick."

The mix of products used in Meriwether County Schools includes CASPR Blu Tile units that seamlessly replace ceiling tiles; the duct-mounted CASPR Pro units, disinfecting wide areas through a building's HVAC system; and CASPR Compact units for smaller spaces.

While prepping for the upcoming school year, Rebekah Cook, teacher at Unity Elementary School commented that she could already tell a difference with the new technology. "I have asthma and breathing isn't always easy. Since the installation of the air filtration system, I can breathe! My chest doesn't feel heavy, and I have not had to use my rescue inhaler while setting up my classroom for the new school year. The entire school feels cleaner and smells fresher. I can't wait to see how this system helps our students and see the positive impact it has on attendance!"

"CASPR's technology and products have been proven safe and effective against some of today's most virulent pathogens," said Shannon Grube, Principle of BioShark. "As a distributor of CASPR to K-12, we believe this technology is a game-changer for protecting students and staff and helping to improve absenteeism. The beautiful part about the technology is that it continuously and safely disinfects without chemicals, even while people are present."

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