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Dear Parent or Guardian:

North Carolina public school students are required to meet state and local standards for grade level promotion. The Wake County Public School System *Promotion and Intervention Policy (5530)* applies to all students and addresses:

- Promotion standards,
- Criteria for assessing student progress,
- Personal Education Plans (PEPs),
- Interventions,
- Opportunities for retesting,
- Opportunities for waiver reviews by school committees, and
- Opportunities for appeals of promotion/retention decisions.

How does this policy affect you as a parent or guardian? First, we encourage you to read the attached information describing grade level standards and key activities that will occur throughout this school year. You will want to monitor your child's progress by attending conferences with your child's teacher and by viewing work samples, interim and quarterly progress reports, and test results.

Secondly, our school system is devoting time and resources to ensure that your child reaches his or her full potential. Ask your child's teacher about programs and resources available at school, such as our Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) for students not meeting grade level expectations.

We are proud that our school system has made substantial progress in student achievement. You played an important role in our success. Now, we are asking for your support as we continue to work to ensure that every child educated in our school system graduates on time, prepared for the future.

Thank you for taking time to consider this important information. If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Best wishes for a successful school year.

Del Burns, Ed.D.

Attachment: Policy Overview

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