Dear Virtual Academy Families,

We are looking forward to the kick-off of the WCPSS Virtual Academy for year-round students on Monday, August 2nd. In order to orient students to Virtual Academy, which will serve students from a number of schools across Wake County and operating from Salem MS this year, students will participate in a week-long virtual orientation during the first week of school. Students will begin following their schedule in PowerSchool on Monday, August 9th. **Your child is enrolled at and still a Lufkin Road MS student; the Virtual Academy teaching staff is housed at Salem MS.**

The First Week: Virtual Academy Orientation
On Monday, August 2nd, students will utilize their Wake ID Portal to log in to the Virtual Academy Orientation beginning at 8:50 AM using the links provided below. They can also complete this step this weekend or early Monday morning to ensure that they are ready to begin. From there, they will see a Google Meet code to log in to for each grade level, broken up by alphabet. Virtual Academy will utilize this Canvas course and Meet Code for the first week.

6th Grade: https://wcpss.instructure.com/enroll/LRHGKB
7th Grade: https://wcpss.instructure.com/enroll/7ML7WD
8th Grade: https://wcpss.instructure.com/enroll/EKLH8X

During the Virtual Orientation, students can expect to have live instruction from 8:50 AM until the lunch hour begins at approximately 11:20 AM. In the afternoon, students will have asynchronous orientation assignments that will be completed during the first week. Over the course of the week, students will be orientated to their teacher websites, their daily schedule, and necessary digital tools for a successful start. During this week, students will also have additional time to acquire their WCPSS device and materials by coming to Lufkin Road MS (your child's base school) that will be needed for the first quarter, if you have not already done so. Hours for picking up materials are: M-F, 8:15 AM-1:30 PM.

The Second Week: Official Start of Courses
Following orientation, students will have all information and tools necessary to successfully kick-off their course schedule in PowerSchool beginning Monday at 8:50 AM. To begin, students should have access to an internet-connected device with video conferencing capabilities (WCPSS Chromebook). Students will need a notebook for each course, writing utensils, a calculator (optional as students will have access to Desmos), colored pencils ,and curricular materials picked up at Lufkin Road MS. On August 9th, teachers may communicate a few

additional needs that students will have ample time to acquire. If you have a hardship with acquiring any supplies, please reach out to your child's grade level counselor for support: 6th grade - Tiffany Cooper, tcooper5@wcpss.net; 7th grade - Laura Nickels Bodek, lbodek@wcpss.net, or 8th grade - Kris Font, lfont@wcpss.net.

Students in Virtual Academy will follow this 📄 Virtual Academy 21-22 Bell Schedule beginning on August 9th. Please note that all elective courses will be asynchronous with the exception of 7th and 8th Grade Spanish. All elective teachers will communicate daily live office hours for support. All core classes will feature daily live instruction through Google Meet.

Tech Assistance
For real-time support with WakeID, WCPSS-issued Chromebooks and hotspots, or other technology related concerns, contact the Student Technology HelpDesk at (919) 664-5700, option 1.

Below you will find some guides that will help you get started. If you are new to Wake County Schools, please contact the Student HelpDesk at (919) 664-5700, option 1 to obtain your child's WakeID username and password.

- Logging in to WakeID
- Setting up your WCPSS Chromebook
- Getting Started with Canvas

You can find much more information on the district's Guides to Technology website.

We look forward to a successful year. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions regarding Virtual Academy. Our Virtual Academy contacts are: primary contact is Keith McLendon, AP, kmclendon@wcpss.net; back-up is Steve Rhodes, AP, srhodes@wcpss.net, or me, ksinders@wcpss.net.

Sincerely,

Karen Sinders, Principal