

Dear Eagle Families,

This is Dr. Chavis, the very Proud Principal of the William G. Enloe Magnet High School. Simply put, I miss you and I miss our students. These past four weeks have been so challenging with not being able to engage with you and our students daily. Nothing can compare to being inside the walls of the school, being energized by our students who are so passionate about a myriad of classes, clubs and causes! I am grateful for your flexibility and understanding as WCPSS transitions its 162,000 students to remote learning, and while we at Enloe, continue to work through supporting 2,500 students and their families in this process. Together, we will get through this and will hopefully see each other in the near future!

We are excited about the start of remote learning on Monday, April 13! Teachers have been preparing, practicing and perfecting their teaching and adapting it to an online platform these past few weeks. They are eager to begin interacting with their students again! I am very proud of their perseverance and adaptability; many of our teachers have engaged in hours of learning new routines, structures and platforms to offer their best to students come Monday.

A few notes about remote learning:

- Remote learning cannot replace face-to-face, classroom instruction. Teachers develop relationships with their students and are able to provide immediate feedback to them. Remote learning will look different in this case.
- Remote learning is not expected to be a replica of what teachers would do in the classroom setting. Remote learning is geared towards providing students with access to learning but may not (will not) include all of the activities that a teacher would normally provide students in the classroom setting.
- Students will be engaged in each of their classes for 60 minutes, during scheduled blocks of time during the week. They will be expected to complete about 1.5 hours of work outside of the scheduled class period -- this is best practice for remote learning but is less time than students would have if schools were not closed.
- This is not a perfect science. It is to be expected that there will be bumps and gaps along the way; therefore, we ask for abundant grace and maximum flexibility, the same way we will ask it of your students.
- Your child's mental and emotional well-being continues to be our priority. Please communicate with your child's teachers, counselors or administrators should there be concerns or issues.
- Due to critical factors set by the State Board of Education, we cannot guarantee that all students, even with the innovative support provided by our district, will have access to remote learning, and as such, students will not be graded in the same manner as they have been in the past. We will rely on teacher feedback during this time of school closure (Note: this is subject to change as the State Board of Education gives more guidance in the weeks to come). Teachers will provide asynchronous (new learning) instruction and synchronous (review, modeling, demonstration) instruction through remote means to engage all students.

This is new territory that we are ALL in and for many of us it may feel uncomfortable. I am confident that our teachers will support your child(ren) in this transition and will work to ensure that your students are afforded learning opportunities aligned with the critical learning targets needed to be successful in subsequent classes. We are here for you and want you to know that flexibility will be provided to our teachers and to your students. Please continue to be educational partners with the school so that we can ensure your student's success!

Sincerely,

Dr. Chavis
Proud Enloe Principal