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Good Morning Wake STEM ECHS Parents and Students,

[Audio Message](#)

I am Dr. Ware, the new principal at Wake STEM ECHS. I am more than excited to begin the school year working with all of you and believe even though this school year will certainly have its challenges, it is going to be a truly fantastic one.

As many of you already know, Wake County is planning on beginning the school year with a blended model of instruction with both virtual and face to face learning. One-third of the students will be at the school for face to face lessons while two-thirds will be learning virtually. Given this change to how we typically begin the school year, we will need to build a plan to address the needs of students, parents, and staff.

We have developed the following framework so that school staff can begin planning together to figure out what the requirements set by the state and the county will look like at our school. We are focusing on safety, instruction, social and emotional support, and communication.

Instruction

We will have our grade level teams meet to decide what instruction will look like in this blended model. These teams will meet with me and my administrative team periodically over the next three weeks so that we can finalize the work. The plan for this blended model will be shared with parents and students before the school year begins. I have also been meeting with our university liaison so that as the university finalizes their academic plan, we are able to make adjustments to our students' schedules as needed.

Safety

We are working closely with the district and the university to comply and follow CDC guidelines. Along with social distancing, all students and staff will be required to wear masks. As we receive more information from Wake County and NCSU, we will share it with you.

Cohort/Transportation

The county will be providing us a list of all of our students with siblings at different schools and letting us know which week (cohort 1, 2, or 3) they will be attending school. This will allow siblings to be on the same weekly rotation. After we receive this information from the transportations department, we will work on



assigning students to these weekly cohorts so that we have equal numbers of students in each class each week. We will share this information with you as soon as it is complete.

Social and Emotional Support

The county is providing resources for us to support the social and emotional well being of our students. We will be working on how to best provide those resources to staff and our students.

Communication

Finally, we will need to make sure that we are effectively communicating with all staff, students, and parents. We are working on a plan to ensure that we are able to get the information to all that need it. As we move forward, please let me know if you think communication needs to be improved and share your thoughts as to how we might improve it.

I will be creating multiple times to virtually meet with students and with parents in the month of July. These meetings will not only give me the opportunity to share more details concerning the beginning of school, but will also provide me the opportunity to get to meet you, answer other questions you might have, and hear from you concerning what works at Wake STEM ECHS and what you would like to see done differently. In the meantime, please review the following document and pay close attention to communication from the county.

[Return-to-Campus Guide for Families](#)

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