



HAYWOOD EARLY COLLEGE

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Wolfpack family,

When HCC announced they would continue remote instruction only, we asked you to respond to a second intent survey. After reviewing the data and brainstorming with the college about supervision and facility usage during college classes and breaks, we are announcing that we will also remain remote only on the high school side. We have exhausted every possibility before coming to this decision.

The two cornerstones we have always promised our students and families are 1) the safety of our students and 2) a top-notch education. We believe staying remote can still accomplish this. Classroom space and supervision are not adequate to house students during remote college classes while ensuring their safety. Our faculty is committed to providing an individualized, challenging yet rewarding, and second to none experience. High school classes will remain the same. Rigorous remote instruction for all students every day.

The silver lining is that our students and teachers will continue to have daily, synchronous instruction with faculty and peer interaction. Our plan is to remain remote throughout the first semester. We will re-evaluate our situation periodically. As the governor's orders change or the community college changes their plan, our course of action may also need to change.

Lastly, I want to brag on our Wolfpack. Our daily attendance is excellent and students are engaged and turning in quality work. The classroom discussions are full of thoughtful perspective. Our students and teachers are building relationships with each other. While we cannot wait for our hallways to be filled with boisterous laughter again, we know we must continue on in our pursuit of excellence. There is strength in our pack and I have no doubt we will continue the strong tradition for which Haywood Early College is known.

As always, please ask questions, share concerns, express needs, etc. We are available through phone, email, or Remind. We will begin advising appointments with students and families in the near future so look for that information soon. Two-way communication will be key as we move forward.

Sincerely,

Lori Fox, Principal

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