



# 2022-2023 Opening of School

Student Achievement Committee

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**WAKE COUNTY**  
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

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# Desired Outcomes

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- Highlight ongoing PreK-12 events and activities occurring with the opening of the 2022-2023 school year.
- Share an overview of prioritized strategies and practices that will support a renewed focus on teaching, learning, and behavioral health.

# A Look Back to August 2021...

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## **A Look Back:**

August 2021

- COVID Protocols
- Health Guidance
- Virtual Academy Staffing & Updates
- Operational Updates



## **Today:**

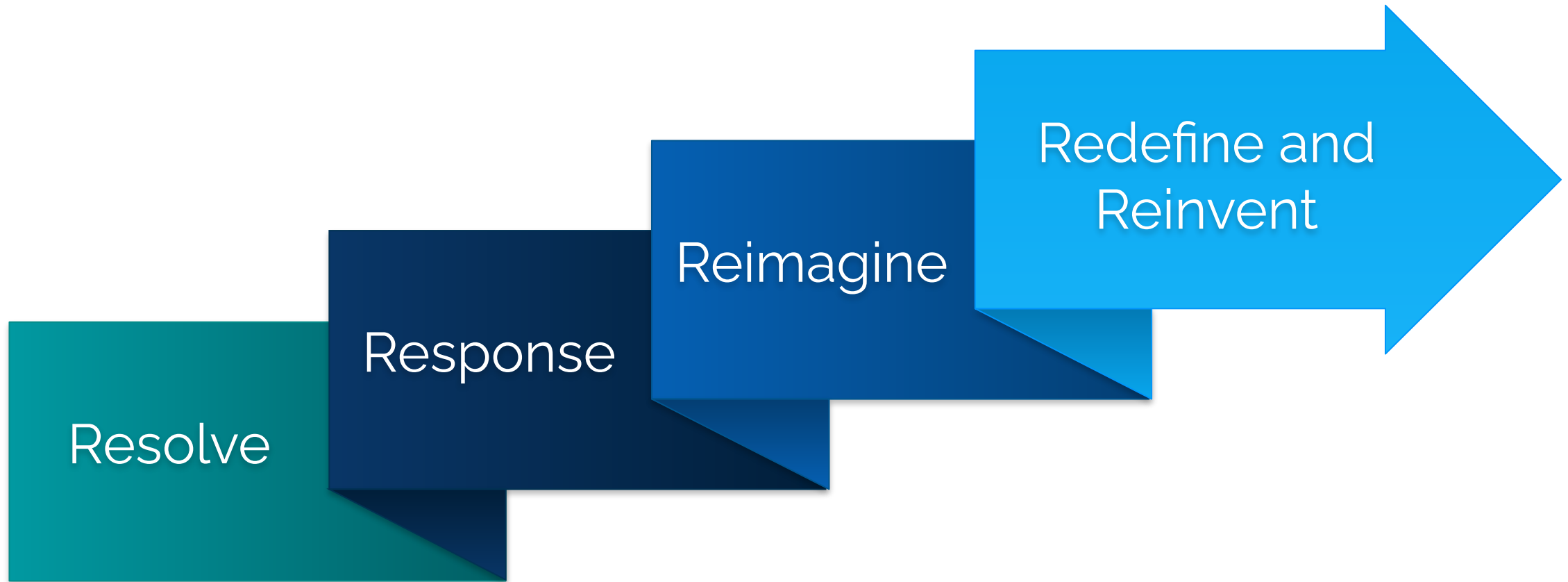
August 2022

High quality core instruction and tiered supports that are visible in every classroom, everyday.

Best practices that will promote and support an environment that is focused on student well-being and emotional learning.

# Transitioning from Response to Recovery

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# Recovery Through a Framework of Systems & Structures

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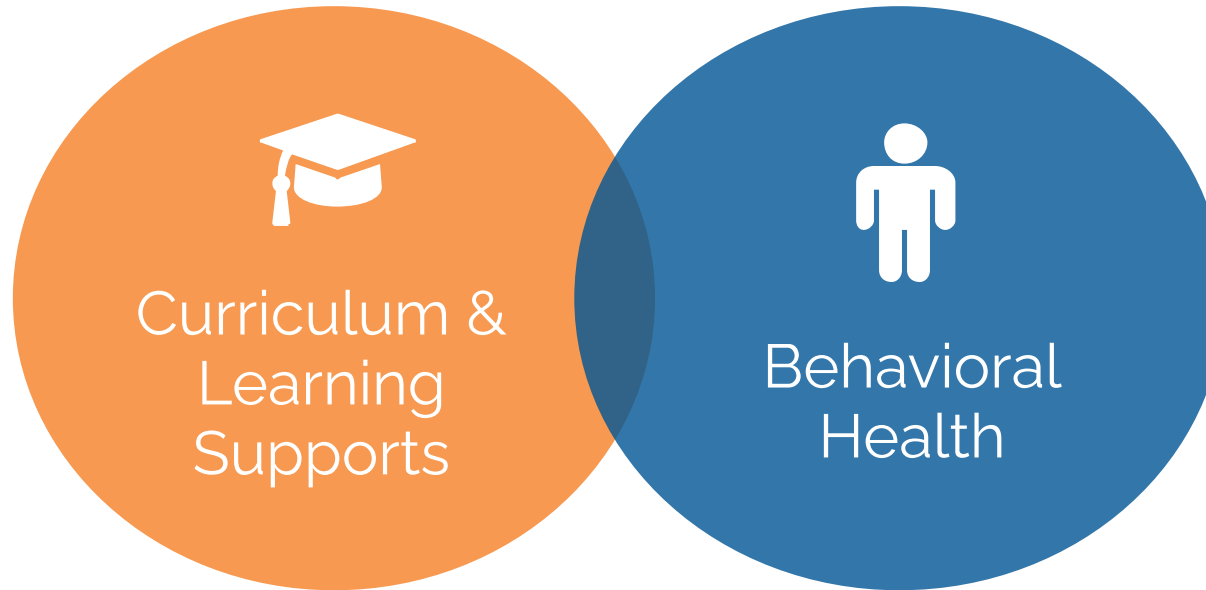
# Launching with Student, Family, and Staff Engagement



# PreK-12 Priorities

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- High Quality Instructional Frameworks & Practices
- Professional Learning
- Data to Inform Teaching & Learning
- Guidance for Learning Rounds and Walks
- Evidence-Based Instructional Resources & Materials



- CORE Behavioral Health Guidance for Schools
- Behavioral Health Needs Assessment
- Mental Health Services, Supports, & Guidance
- Student & Family Wellness Sessions
- Staff Wellness Supports
- No Show/Due Diligence Supports & Process
- Food Security & Community Partnerships
- Health Guidance

# Elementary Highlights

- Opening of New Schools -Apex Friendship and Barton Pond
- All K-5 general education, intervention, and AIG teachers have completed Unit 1 of Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS)
- Teacher enthusiasm and interest in professional learning opportunities outside of LETRS
- Annual partnership with Marbles Museum for the Kick-off to Kindergarten on Saturday, August 20
- *Education Week* featured two WCPSS schools (Lacy & Walnut Creek) in the Science of Reading.
- WakeTogether - High Dosage Tutoring & Community Partnership



# Middle School Highlights

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- Opening of Herbert Akins Road Middle School
- Opening doors to West Millbrook Magnet Middle School's new campus
- Orientations, opening sessions, relationship building opportunities, class walks, etc. for incoming 6th grade students
- Developed and deployed schedules for over 35,000 students
- Implementation of a new reading universal screening, diagnostic and progress monitoring tool.
- The Arts will be welcoming students back to fall performances along with many art exhibits.
- Athletics teams will begin Fall season September 6 and compete in 4 sports this season (football, cheerleading, girls soccer, & volleyball)

# High School Highlights

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- Opening of Wake Early College of Information and Biotechnologies on the RTP campus in Morrisville
- 200 CTE students participated in the Summer Career Accelerator program
- Freshman and new parent orientations and programs
- Hosting the Science Olympiad tournament in February
- Driver's Education program is returning to pre-pandemic schedules this Fall
- Voter Registration Drive in September
- Full return to all athletic programs during the 2022-23 school year
- High School Bands are back in full swing, completing summer camps and preparing for Fall games and competitions



# What's Ahead

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- Traditional calendar opening August 29
- School visits to maintain understanding of on-the-ground experiences for staff and students
- Align district and school supports for high quality teaching, learning and student services with their needs and concerns
- Comprehensive professional learning to strengthen knowledge, skills, and practices necessary to better meet students' academic and behavioral health needs



# Dialogue and Questions