Wake Young Men's and Wake Young Women's Leadership Academy Update

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Context & History

- HB900 was signed by the Governor July 2024
- Both Leadership Academies are partnering with WTCC for the 2024-2025 school year as Cooperative Innovative High Schools due to HB900
    - Approximately 162 students from the two academies (grades 11-13) are taking courses at WTCC
- WCPSS Board approved the WTCC calendar for 2024-2025 per HB900
- WCPSS Board approved Shaw University as the partner for the new CIHS application
- WCPSS and Shaw University have been working collaboratively on the application that is due October 4 to DPI

HB900 allows the academies to switch the college/university partner with a new CIHS application that does not need to go through the competitive process.

HB900 does require that the CIHS application submitted meet the requirements of NC General Statute pertaining to CIHS.

Highlights of CIHS appilication

CIHS Requirements

- Supports a grades 9-13 model
- For one application, a school can have no more than 100 students per grade level (400 per 9-12)
- Students 9-13 are expected to be prepared for and have the 'college experience'
  - What makes it different than CCP?
- Shaw's campus is able integrate enough students for us to submit one (1) CIHS application

Highlights of Application

- University-level Leadership courses for students 9-12
- Dual Enrollment opportunities are being planned in both core academic and elective courses
- Pathway opportunities in
  - Elementary Education
  - Cyber Operations
  - Business
- Freshman/Sophomore field experiences at Shaw

Implications of New Application

- WCPSS is submitting one (1) application
  - Total number of students in 6-8 at the two academies and in the 9-13 CIHS will be similar to current number of students in the two academies;
- The submission has to be for a 9-13 early college high school model;
  - There will be one 9-13 early college high school and two (2) 6-8 single gender academies;
  - Working with staff to keep funding and staffing at the three schools consistent with what the two 6-13 academies currently have;
- Requesting location waiver on the application;
  - To guarantee the dedicated space 9th and 10th graders need for their high school courses, the waiver is to keep 9th and 10th graders where they are currently;
  - Students will have access to virtual university courses from Shaw;
  - Monthly field experiences will be built in to ensure students are prepared for the college experience prior to 11th grade.

Next Steps in CIHS Application Process

- **Secure appropriate signatures and submit final application to DPI by October 4.**
- **Communicate updates to staff and families of both academies.**
- **Make school name recommendation for the new CIHS to the Board at a future meeting.**
- **Develop and finalize an MOA between WCPSS and Shaw University that will be presented to the Board at a future date.**

Next Steps After The CIHS is Complete

- **Design Leadership Development Opportunities and Course Offerings in Collaboration With Shaw University Officials**
- **Develop Logistics Including Bus Drop Off Locations, Carpool Routine and Parking Options For Students**
- **Determine University Amenities WCPSS Students Are Allowed To Access**
- **Determine Academic Supports For Students (Access to Grades, Progress Monitoring)**
- **Develop a Timeline That Includes Parent/Student Meetings To Provide Updates**

Questions