Greetings William Hall Academy Students and Families,

I want to personally thank you for your patience and trust for embracing both Distance and Hybrid learning during the 2020-2021 school year. Last year was like no other. We experienced a great deal of death in our community and with our own staff. In spite of such, we continued to push forward with lessons, following up on students who needed our support, and responding to the ever-changing world of covid. Our students, parents, and school staff worked well to ensure learning continued. Thank you!

Now, we welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year! We have been steadfast in our efforts to make sure our school building is clear, safe, and ready for your students to return for full in-person learning. To ensure a safe environment, ALL returning students to our school are required to follow these expectations:

1) Wear a mask at all times.
2) Follow the guidelines outlined by the school system and CDC.
3) Follow the WHA Uniform Policy.
4) Stay in contact with your child’s teacher. Communication is key.
5) Have some patience as we begin to navigate back to full-in person learning.

Planning for the new school year has begun. Mark your calendar with these important dates and times:

- **Friday, September 3rd, from 1-3 p.m.- PTA Greet and Meet Ice Cream Social.** Come out and see each other, enjoy some food, friends and fun. Visit your child’s classrooms, see your teachers, and sign-up to be a part of our school family. The event will be held outside. Masks must be worn while visiting the classrooms. Social distancing rules must be followed during the event.

- **Wednesday, September 8th.- First Day of School for ALL students.** Students should arrive ready to attend class by 7:45 a.m. Breakfast and lunch will be free for all again this year. Parents should continue to complete the lunch application forms. Visitors will NOT be allowed to follow students down to class this year. School staff will be available to assist students throughout the day and the first week of school. All visits to the school must be scheduled in advance to ensure safety and adherence to district and CDC guidelines.

- **Wednesday, September 15th, @ 6 p.m.- General PTA meeting.** This meeting will take place to invite parents to sign-up for one of our PTA offices. (This event may be virtual.)

- **Friday, September 24th, @ 5 p.m.- Back-to-School Night.** Come out to hear school and classroom expectations, ask questions, and hear about proposed events for the year. (This event may be virtual.)

Parents and Students, this is one of many letters that you will receive as we open school for the 2021-2022 school year. I know that this may be difficult for some and exciting for others. Let’s have patience with each other and forgiveness when we need to. This is not something that is always perfect. As information changes, we have to adjust and pray that you understand our efforts to get it right. We love our William Hall students and families and look forward to seeing you all soon.

Educationally,

Darryl Evans, Principal