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Dear Parents:

After last night's Board session, the Wake County Board of Education affirmed their commitment to the Leadership Academy programs and gave guidance to staff to consider alternate early college partners.

Because there has been some discussion in the media, I wanted to personally reach out to each of you and assure you that these excellent programs will continue as designed. While having negotiated in good faith with William Peace University, the Wake County Board of Education directed that we review our plans to locate the high school portion of the program at William Peace University.

Regardless of which early college partner we secure, the Wake County School Board and the Wake County Public School System are committed to the establishment of the Leadership Academies. At the April 24 session the Board of Education will review the final Memorandum of Agreement with William Peace University. If at that time William Peace is not approved as the location, we have developed contingency plans for the 2012-13 school year. The Wake Young Men's Leadership Academy will be located entirely at the modular swing space on Spring Forest Road in Raleigh and The Wake Young Women's Leadership Academy will be located entirely on the Governor Morehead campus in downtown Raleigh.

Your principal will be reaching out to you to answer any questions you may have and to coordinate open houses so that you may visit the location of your child's school in the event of a change. The programming will not change and the focus and vision of the Academies remains firm: to develop young men and women as leaders and learners who will impact their community.

Indeed, as a reminder, we start this summer with the Shelton Leadership Institute from Jul 30th to Aug 3rd.

This is an exciting time for your student and we look forward to opening the inaugural class of the Wake Leadership Academies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony J. Tata".

Anthony J. Tata
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