## HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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## **Dear High Point Community:**

In February, I <u>communicated our plan</u> to explore the possibility of implementing a full-day schedule for the fourth marking period. After several weeks of careful consideration, we are very pleased to announce that we will begin to utilize a <u>full-day schedule</u> on Monday, April 12, 2021.

The primary motivation for moving to this full-day schedule is to maximize our support for the social and emotional needs of our students. During our consultation with parents, students, staff and health experts, we continue to hear about the need for adolescents to engage with in-person activities among their peers.

As the <u>enclosed schedule indicates</u>, Wednesdays will continue to be fully virtual. This decision was made to provide one, common learning environment which connects students from each of our four cohorts (Cohort A, Cohort B, Cohort AB, Fully Virtual) at least once a week.

As a result of the surveys we distributed to parents in December, and then again in March, we are able to support the cohort/attendance requests for all parents who completed either survey. Parents who did not make a cohort request through the last two surveys, but who wish to request a change, may contact their student's guidance counselor and communicate this request. Once we adjust to our full-day schedule, we will consider these requests and accommodate parents if our facilities and resources can safely support such requests.

I have enclosed a brief screencast video which helps explain how the full-day schedule will function.

For twelve months we have worked together to overcome incredible challenges and persevere on behalf of our students. We believe that the shift to a full-day schedule on April 12 will be a success, and we look forward to once again working together on behalf of our students.

Sincerely,

Scott D. Ripley, Ed.D. Superintendent