

Good evening parents and students of the Randolph County School System,

This is Stephen Gainey. I want to make you aware of the following information:

At the Board of Education meeting on 4/19/21, the opening of a virtual academy for grades K-8 during the 2021-2022 school year was approved. The name of this new school will be: “The Virtual Academy at Randolph.” With this new school, our school system will have a total of 32 schools starting with the 2021-2022 school year. In the coming weeks, information will be shared with regard to the enrollment process for this new school for students in grades K-8 during the 2021-2022 school year. Also, the school system will name a principal for the school as well as select teachers and support staff members to operate the school.

As a result of this development, a student in grades K-8 who wishes to engage in school remotely during the 2021-2022 school year will be required to enroll in this new school. Furthermore, a student who enrolls in “The Virtual Academy at Randolph” will be required to make a one-year commitment in terms of remaining at the school. As a result, he/she will not be permitted to return to his/her base school during the 2021-2022 school year. It also should be noted that, with the opening of “The Virtual Academy at Randolph,” virtual learning opportunities will be available at all three levels of school (elementary school, middle school, and high school) starting with the 2021-2022 school year. High school students have had access to numerous virtual learning options for several years, and will continue to have access to them, such as the Career & College Promise program, the i-Learn Randolph program, the North Carolina Virtual Public School, and the Apex program.

This message also will be posted on the homepage of the school system’s webpage.

I hope everyone has a great night!!!!