



2021-2022 WCPSS Planning Updates

WCPSS Board of Education Work Session

April 6, 2021

2021-2022 WCPSS Planning - Desired Outcomes



- Provide an overview of WCPSS 2021-2022 operational topics - allotments and staffing.
- Provide an overview of Virtual Academy operational assumptions, key factors and considerations impacting decision-making, and a general timeline for planned actions steps.



2021-2022 Allotment and Staffing Updates

AJ Muttillo, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Current Recruitment Efforts



- Substitute recruitment continues
- Early Hire Teacher Job Fair - March 20
- Spring Teacher Job Fair - April 24
- Future Teachers - Cohort III
- Student teachers

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2021-2022 Virtual Academy

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2021-2022 Academic Planning: Areas of Focus

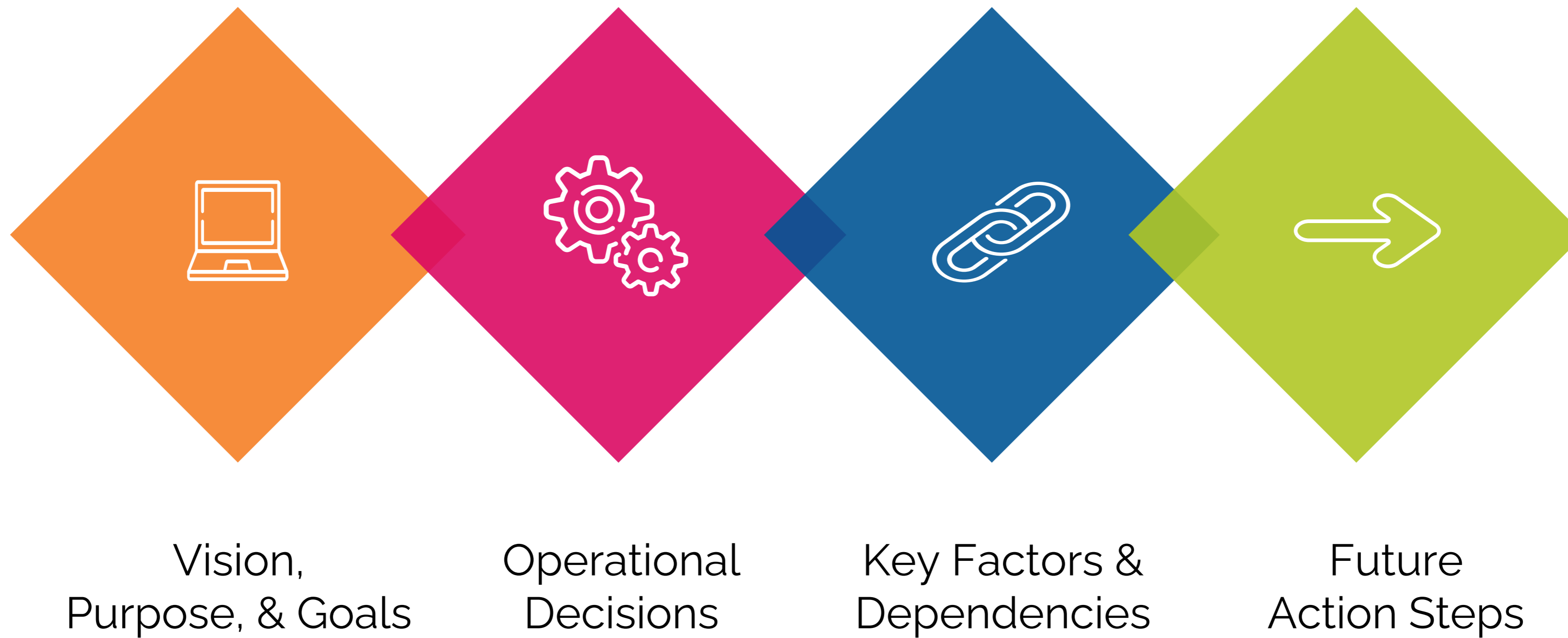


WCPSS Virtual Academy

Designers & Developers

Academics	Special Education Services	Office of the Area Superintendents	Principals	Teachers	Students & Families
Magnet Programs	Counseling & Student Support Services	Technology Services	Communications	Student Information Systems	School Choice, Planning & Assignment
Data Research & Accountability	Child Nutrition Services	Human Resources	Finance	Office of Professional Learning	

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Vision, Purpose, Goals

WCPSS Vision

All Wake County Public School System students will be prepared to reach their full potential and lead productive lives in a complex and changing world.

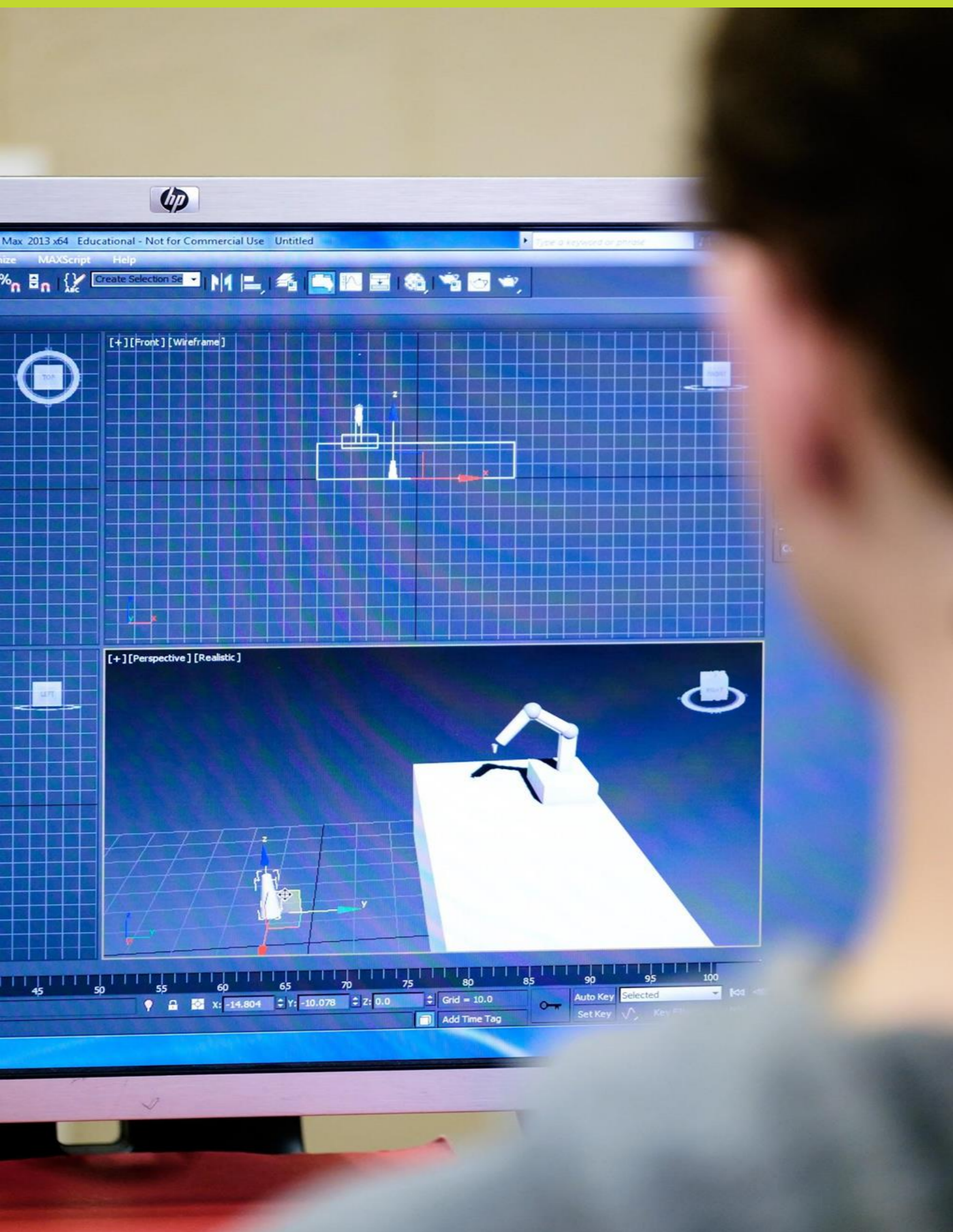
2021-2022 Virtual Academy Purpose

The purpose is to offer a virtual learning option for WCPSS students and families.

2021-2022 Virtual Academy Goals & Objectives

- Provide students with access to all required core curriculum classes as well as select elective courses.
- Integrate digital resources with evidence-based instructional practices to meet students' individual needs.
- Establish an equitable and inclusive learning environment that focuses on the success of each student.
- Provide opportunities to connect students to the school and community.
- Support the social, emotional, and physical well-being of all students.

Program Structure



- The Virtual Academy will remain as a program within a school for next year with additional centralized curricular and structural supports to enhance consistency of instructional delivery and student experience.
- Pending state guidance, the Virtual Academy will be provided for students in grades 4-12. The district is exploring the feasibility of virtual programming for Pre K-3 students.
- The Virtual Academy will be offered at all schools except for the Early Colleges, Leadership Academies, Alternative Schools, and Crossroads Flex High School.
- The Virtual Academy will be structured to separate virtual instruction and in-person instruction.



Virtual Academy Calendars

The WCPSS Virtual Academy calendar will align with each school's calendar:

- For traditional calendar schools, the WCPSS Virtual Academy program students will follow the traditional calendar.
- For modified calendar schools, the WCPSS Virtual Academy program students will follow the modified calendar.
- For single track year-round calendar schools, the WCPSS Virtual Academy program students will follow the Single Track 4 calendar.
- For multi-track year-round calendar schools, a district-wide track will be selected for WCPSS Virtual Academy program students to follow.

Learning Management System (LMS)



- Canvas will be the Learning Management System used by all Virtual Academy teachers for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Canvas and Google have partnered together to create upgrades and enhancements to the user experience.
- Virtual Academy teachers will receive professional learning surrounding Canvas implementation and usage.
- Virtual Academy families and students will receive learning on Canvas features and usage.

Virtual Academy Registration



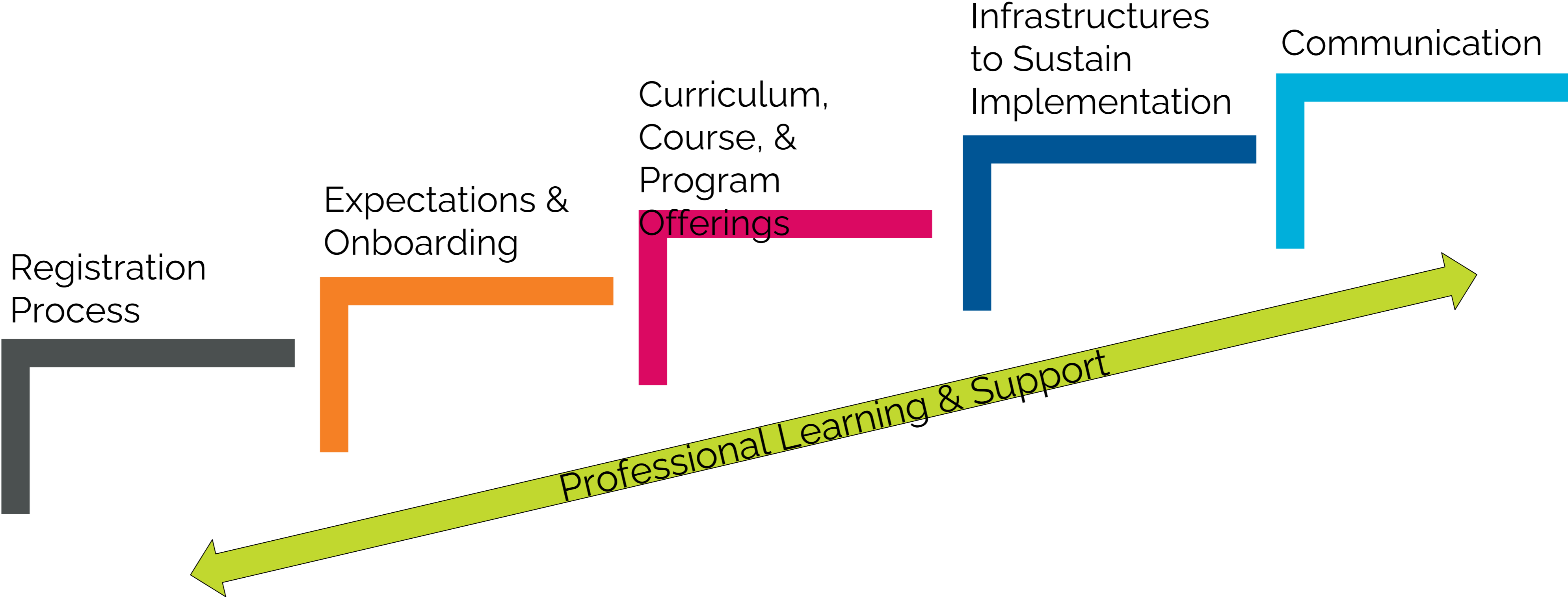
- The registration window will open mid-late April.
- The window will be open for approximately 10 days.
- To minimize movement, it is our intent to ask families to commit to the entire year.
- Families will be sent confirmation letters shortly after the close of the registration window, by early-mid May.
- A district-wide community open house will be hosted prior to the registration window.



Key Factors & Dependencies

- Currently, the Governor or State Board of Education have not issued executive orders or requirements for providing a virtual learning option for the 2021-2022.
- Ongoing stakeholder feedback and input.
- Student registration numbers.
- Need for a district structure to support schools with low Virtual Academy program enrollment.
- Resource allocation and funding.
- Minimize movement between in-person and Virtual Academy.

Planned Action Steps



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