# PreK-12 Second Semester Updates

**WCPSS Board of Education - Work Session** 

March 16, 2021



#### **Desired Outcomes**

- Review considerations for in-person instruction during COVID-19
- Unpack new legislation, Senate Bill 220: An Act To Provide Access To Inperson Learning For Students In Grades Kindergarten Through Twelve
- Define and describe NC Plan A (minimal social distancing) requirements
- Provide implementation overview for students with IEPs and 504 Plans
- Outlining staff proposal



## Considerations for In-person Instruction During COVID-19

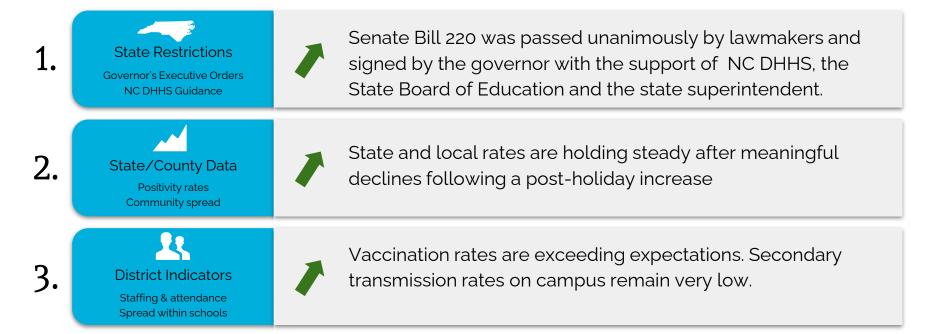
State Restrictions
 Governor's Executive Orders
 NC DHHS Guidance
State/County Data
 Positivity rates
 Community spread
District Indicators

Staffing & attendance Spread within schools These considerations have been used for all decisions about returning to in-person instruction since the fall of 2020. There is no single metric that can be calculated from these three areas that automatically triggers a return for students.

All three are used and given the weight needed based on the circumstances.



## Considerations for In-person Instruction During COVID-19





## Senate Bill 220, Reopen Our Schools Act of 2021

#### **Key Components:**

- Districts will provide Plan A in-person instruction for grades K-5
- For grades 6-12:
  - Local Boards have the option of operating under Plan A, Plan B, or a hybrid of both
  - Plan A instruction for students with IEPs and 504 Plans is required
  - For districts that will operate in Plan A, submission of a plan to DHHS is required
  - For districts that will operate in Plan A, collaboration with the ABC Science Collaborative is required
  - Continuation of an option for remote instruction is required
  - Local Boards may reschedule existing school calendar workdays



### Defining Plan A, Minimal Social Distancing

**Plan A is "Minimal Social Distancing."** All public health requirements provided by DHHS must be followed. Plan A requires:

- Social distancing protocols to the extent possible and as practicable
- Cloth face coverings
- Cleaning and hygiene protocols
- Protecting vulnerable populations
- Conducting regular screening and ongoing self-monitoring of symptoms
- Appropriate steps to address suspected, presumptive or confirmed cases of COVID-19



## Implementation Overview for Students with IEPs and 504 Plans

**To implement SB 220** in terms of the requirement to provide Plan A in-person instruction to students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) & 504 Plans, WCPSS middle and high schools will:

- Immediately begin communicating with families to ensure that they are aware of this opportunity for their students.
- Once individual family plans are known, schools will make necessary preparations for students reporting to school.
- Students with an IEP or 504 Plan who opt to report to school in-person will begin doing so no later than the first instructional day either on or following April 1, depending on the school's assigned calendar.



### District Focus Moving Forward

#### Senate Bill 220 requires:

- K-5 Plan A in-person
- 6-12 either in Plan A, Plan B or a hybrid
- Students with IEPs and 504 Plans have the option of attending Plan A in-person

#### WCPSS currently provides:

- PreK-5 grades Plan A in-person
- K-12 Regional Programs Plan A in-person
- Grades 6-12 Plan B in-person three-week cohort rotation
- PreK-12 virtual instruction option

#### **WCPSS** is planning for:

- Students with IEP and 504 Plans to begin Plan A in-person
- Return option for all students in grades 6-12 Plan A in-person



#### Staff Recommendations

- All students return in Plan A on the following dates:
  - April 5: Modified Calendar and Early College
  - April 8: Traditional Calendar
  - April 14: Year-Round

Revise existing school calendars to reschedule teacher workdays



# Dialogue and Questions

