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WCPS Families,

We are excited to begin a new school year. The beginning of a new school year often brings changes to procedures and practices. One such change concerns parent pick-up times throughout the school division. Line-up for parent pick-up at our schools will begin no earlier than 2:45 p.m. each afternoon, or no earlier than 30 minutes prior to student dismissal on shortened school days. This change is being made in an effort to enhance school safety on our campuses.

After experiencing access issues at two schools last year during late afternoon incidents, it became apparent that a change to this procedure was needed. Wythe County Public Schools staff, in conjunction and consultation with the Wythe County Sheriff's Office, the Wytheville Police Department, and the Rural Retreat Police Department, have established the new parameters for this change.

Parents/Guardians that pick-up their students are asked not to arrive at school prior to 2:45 p.m. each afternoon. This allows approximately a 30 minute window each day, prior to student dismissal, in which to arrive on campus. School Resource/Security Officers will help to enforce the new procedure. This change will not affect early student check-out procedures, nor will it affect bus loading and departure times.

Our top priority is, and always will be, the safety of our children. This change will enhance many of the strategies WCPS has in place related to school security. We appreciate your cooperation and support in our efforts to safely educate the children of Wythe County.

Respectfully,

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