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Dear Virtual Learning Academy students and families,

At Newport News Public Schools, we are committed to ensuring that every student has the support they need to succeed in their virtual learning journey through our partnership with Virtual Virginia. To help guide your child toward success, we want to share important information about the resources available and the expectations we have in place to foster a productive and positive learning experience.

Targeted Support for Students

NNPS and Virtual Virginia provide a range of supports to help students stay on track:

- **Small group sessions:** Students are offered the opportunity to participate in live, synchronous online sessions each Thursday where they can interact directly with their teachers.
- **Regular check-ins:** Our dedicated staff, including school counselors and our virtual student support specialist, maintain frequent communication with families and students to monitor progress and offer guidance.
- **Pace recovery conferences:** If a student faces challenges, we hold conferences with Virtual Virginia to discuss their academic needs and strategies for improvement.

In addition, we will offer credit recovery opportunities at the end of each semester for high school seniors who may need to catch up on coursework.

Supporting Students through Academic Challenges

We understand that some students may need additional support to meet their academic goals. Our team will provide targeted interventions if your child's performance falls below expectations. However, if virtual learning proves too challenging, your child may be transitioned back to their in-person school setting for more direct, hands-on support.

To ensure every student's success, we closely monitor progress throughout the school year. If your child's average falls below 59% in three or more VVA courses by the end of any marking period, or if they are academically withdrawn from three or more courses, NNPS will transition them back to in-person learning at their zoned school, where they may benefit from a more supportive learning environment.

How You Can Help

Your involvement is crucial to your child's success. We encourage families to:

- Ensure that students attend all live sessions and complete assignments on time.
- Support your child in maintaining their focus during independent work and help them stay organized with their tasks.
- For more detailed information about Virtual Virginia's resources, please visit [Virtual Virginia's website](#) (taking special note of their [Academic Calendar](#)).

Together, we can help your child succeed in this virtual learning environment. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or need additional support.

Sincerely,

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