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Faculty and Staff:

### **External Review**

We're almost through with Day 1 of the external review, and things seem to be going quite well. Many of you have asked how things are going, and it is much appreciated the show of concern that you have expressed throughout this process. We have a great school, despite some challenges/slight bumps, and it's because of the dedicated faculty and staff we have on board that work together to overcome these challenges. I especially appreciate everyone being present today. We only had two staff members out today, so it is a testament that you understood the importance of these two days to Wakefield.

Several faculty members did a great job representing you and our school with the morning presentations today. I wish to thank Dr. Laura Inscoe, Ms. Melissa Thomas, Ms. Rachel Bentley, Ms. Bethany Ayers, Ms. Dorothy Corrigan, and Mr. Tim Walker for their work in showcasing the many positive things we have going on at Wakefield. It can be nerve-racking speaking in front of a bunch of adults vs. teenagers, yet they did a masterful job.

### **Mandatory Faculty Meeting**

Don't forget everyone needs to attend the faculty meeting tomorrow (Thursday, April 10th) at 2:35 p.m. in the auditorium in order to hear our final report. This will be our last official faculty and staff meeting of the year, pending crisis/emergency situations which could arise.

### **Spring Exam Schedule**

It was my hope that Ms. Masterson and I would have been able to send out the final exam schedule late yesterday. Unfortunately, we are still waiting for some information from Central Services, pertaining to the June 13th make-up day and how it affects the five day testing window. As soon as a final decision has been made from Central Services, we will send out the exam schedule.

### **Governor's Teacher Network (GTN)**

I thought everyone received an email from NCDPI re: the Governor's Teacher Network (GTN) a couple of weeks ago. After speaking with a couple of faculty members, this was not the case. I have included the two emails below I received in the Principals' Biweekly message from NCDPI over the last three weeks below. Since the first set of webinars have passed, you will find in the second half of the email additional links where you can find more information.

Good teaching motivates students to learn. Good teachers inspire each other when they share their most innovative and creative practices.

With this in mind, North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory, in partnership with the NC Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) has established the **Governor's Teacher Network (GTN)**. This initiative, funded by the state's Race to the Top grant, will provide a statewide platform for teachers to share their best work around instruction and professional development and help advance Race to the Top (RttT) funded educational remodeling efforts across the state

Through the GTN, approximately 450 outstanding teachers from across North Carolina will be selected to serve for one year as instructional and professional development experts and facilitators.

To answer questions and provide assistance for teachers who are interested in this initiative, as well as for the principals who will be asked to endorse them, the NCDPI will host **GTN Informational Webinars** on Tuesday and Thursday of this week. Theresa Perry, who coordinates the GTN, Race to the Top Director Adam Levinson, and other NCDPI officials, will be on hand to offer detailed information about this initiative and to take your questions.

Webinars for **principals** will be held from 1:30 to 3 pm on both days.

Webinars for **teachers** will be held from 3:30 to 5 pm on Tuesday and 4 to 5:30 pm on Thursday.

Please click on the appropriate link below to register for a Governor's Teacher Network Info Session.

Thank you!

**Governor's Teacher Network Info Session** for Principals

Tuesday, Apr 1, 2014 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM EDT

Registration Web Link: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/163604993>

**Governor's Teacher Network Info Session** for Teachers

Tue, Apr 1, 2014 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM EDT

Registration Web Link: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/480382505>

**Governor's Teacher Network Info Session** for Principals

Thu, Apr 3, 2014 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM EDT

Registration Web Link: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/399649368>

**Governor's Teacher Network Info Session** for Teachers

Thu, Apr 3, 2014 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM EDT

Registration Web Link: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/618730024>

As promised, we have posted the links to the recorded Governor's Teacher Network (GTN)

informational webinars hosted by the NCDPI last week on the GTN website.

We know that due to spring breaks for some districts and charter schools, along with other conflicts, many of you who are interested were unable to attend. Those of you who did might want to listen again.

At your convenience, please click on the appropriate link at the bottom of the homepage of the GTN website, <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/rttt/gtn/> to hear a recorded information session held for either teachers or principals.

It is our intention for these sessions to answer as many questions as possible for you around the GTN and the application process.

Remember, applications are due on **Monday, April 21.**

Also, please take advantage of the information on the GTN website itself, including a continuously updated FAQ section.

In addition, we will host another live informational session for teachers next week. Click on the link below to register:

## **Governor's Teacher Network Info Sessions**

Tue, Apr 15, 2014 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM EDT

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/817509264>

Thank you, and have a great week!

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