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Greetings Hope Academy Faculty:

I hope that you have been staying safe, and that you have spent time with your family during these unsettling times and our new normal. My name is Roger F. Jones, and I am the principal of Hope Academy. I wanted to take this opportunity to welcome everyone before the start of the 2020-2021 virtual school year. You are welcome to visit my virtual office, call or email me at any time.

I come with a wealth of diverse professional experiences as a classroom teacher, baseball and basketball coach, instructional facilitator, assistant principal, and principal. As we embark upon a new year, many opportunities and challenges exist. This year our Shelby County School District continues with goals for Destination 2025 which focuses on 80% of seniors being college –or– career ready, 90% of students graduating on time, and 100% of college-or-career ready students enrolling in post-secondary opportunities. I will embrace and support Superintendent Ray’s seven next steps to include academic equity and action plan, social emotional learning, culture building, servant leadership, alignment of resources, footprint proposal, and district-office transition. Hope Academy will focus on Social Emotional Learning and Adverse Childhood Experiences with our scholars in the virtual setting. We will continue to embrace CPR: Courtesy, Professionalism, and Respect for all stakeholders.

Again, I am excited about the upcoming virtual school year, and look forward to working with the entire Hope Academy family to equip students to meet the rigorous goals of Destination 2025. Thank you for your relentless commitment to excellence, and for all that you do to ensure that every scholar meets his or her potential.

Educationally yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'R. F. Jones'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Roger F. Jones, Principal  
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