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The Arc of Wake County Welcomes Superintendent Tata

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With Anthony Tata beginning his new role as the Superintendent of Wake County Public School System [WCPSS], The Arc of Wake County scheduled a forum that would allow members of our community to not only meet the new superintendent but also ask questions.

In partnership with the Triangle Down Syndrome Network [TDSN] and the Autism Society of Wake County, The Arc held a Meet and Greet Event with Superintendent Tata on March 31st at Marbles Kids Museum. Parents were invited to send in questions prior to the event to make sure all voices were heard.

While those in attendance enjoyed refreshments and chatted with other parents, Superintendent Tata took time to introduce himself to our guests. Then attendees took their seats to hear what our new superintendent had to say. He introduced himself and spoke of his background: the son of two teachers and a graduate of West Point. He put the crowd at ease from the very beginning, "I will do everything in my power to protect the classroom," he said.

With the assistance from the WCPSS administration, including Marvin Connelly, Bob Sturey, and Donna Hargens, the Superintendent addressed multiple issues. The administration stated their desires to enhance the online IEP system so that parents also had better access to their child's IEP. Furthermore, worries pertaining to the training of special education teachers were subdued with clarifications. In conclusion, Superintendent Tata explained his initiatives and goals to place importance on children with disabilities within WCPSS and not allow negative impacts to occur on this community. "We need to report out to you...I intend to do that." he stated emphatically.

Participants submitted additional questions at the end of the event. These questions will be answered by the administration within the upcoming weeks. Mr. Tata concluded by saying, "This was a very educational experience for me...I hope you got to know me a little better tonight." Mr. Tata, I think we did.

The Arc of Wake County partners with individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to help them achieve their life goals.

Formed in 1954, The Arc of Wake County was formed as a volunteer organization. Families were active in establishing the first classes for children with developmental disabilities in the public schools, special programs in churches, residential and employment programs, recreational opportunities and respite care services. Today, with a membership of nearly 250 individuals and families, The Arc provides programs and services to help individuals with developmental disabilities and their families:

- CAP Services
- Case Management
- Guardianship Services
- Supported Employment
- Retirement and Leisure Services for Seniors & Adults
- Transportation Training
- Advocacy, information, referral, and community education

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