



On May 1, 2019, while we gather for What Matters at the Raleigh Convention Center to learn from each other to ensure that everyone is thriving, the city will be simultaneously buzzing with the energy from thousands of our region's teachers at the recently planned Teacher's Rally. To some, this may feel like an inconvenience or headache, but we are struck by the similarity in our efforts. Because... isn't this what a thriving community is all about?

Change is full of turmoil and struggle, and our region's teachers feel the need for that change so that they, and their students, can thrive. And that's what we want too. A community where *everyone* can thrive. Over the last year we've worked hard with our partners to create a day of discussion and

learning that will help us look toward a shared future, and we are excited to share that with you, so we are continuing as scheduled. If you are joining us on May 1 to learn how we can all be greater catalysts for change in the Triangle, we ask that you approach the day with grace and understanding.

Our logistics team is doing all that we can to ensure that What Matters will be a seamless, inspirational day for all who attend – we are compiling additional parking options, inquiring with partners about childcare needs, and gathering information about road closures and potential traffic patterns. We plan to share and update this information through email communication, here on Facebook, and on our website leading up to May 1 so that you can be best informed.

The only way we can make change is together. #thrivingcommunity