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Dear NRIC Families,

First, we hope this letter finds you and your families safe and healthy. Beginning on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, NRIC classes and services will be provided to students via distance learning. This means that our teaching, related service providers, and instructional assistants will be supporting our students via the Google classroom. While this will be new for most families, our staff has worked hard all this week to make Google classroom work for you and your family.

To access the Google classroom, please have your student visit "classroom.google.com" and sign in with their NRIC email account. From there, they will have each of their teacher's Google classrooms displayed. This will be the primary communication point for assignments and activities. For a Video Tutorial and explanation of Google Classroom please visit: <http://bit.ly/NRICparentclassroom>. If you need any assistance in accessing Google classroom, please call Dean Palmer, Director of Technology, at (401) 495-2020.

For families without internet access, RIDE has highlighted ways to gain free access. To complete the application, please copy and paste the following link into the browser on your cell phone or a public internet location: <https://www.cox.com/residential/internet/connect2compete/covid-19-response.html>

We know these will be challenging times, but please know that the NRIC is here to support you and your student(s). As parents, you must ensure that your student(s) understand that while we are distance learning, we are not on vacation. Their teachers and related service providers expect daily participation in Google classroom activities from 8:15am-2:00pm. If you have any questions or feel your child is struggling, please be sure to contact your child's teacher or call Brian Quigg, Director of Educational Services at 401-486-7606.

Best,

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