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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE), in collaboration with the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH), is pleased to announce that we are now offering participation in a one-time COVID-19 testing program at Gaudet Middle School and Learning Academy. Rhode Island continues to pursue aggressive testing for COVID-19 as a foundation of addressing the pandemic in the state. As part of the state testing approach, we are now testing in schools.

Gaudet Middle School and Learning Academy will offer polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests on **Thursday, April 29**. All students, staff, and teachers at schools are being offered testing at this site free of charge.

For the test, your student will receive one nasal swab. This swab will be sent to a lab for PCR-based testing. The results of this test will be available in 24-48 hours on portal.ri.gov. The school nurse, Mrs. Nina Phillips, will have access to the results of the PCR test. If you have any questions on the program you may reach out to Nurse Phillips by email nphillips@mpsri.net or call 401-846-6395.

In order for your student to participate in this testing program, your permission is needed. **You may either complete the Google form link (<https://forms.gle/MABLq32FAz1sjq9EA>) or sign below and return this form back to the school by April 27, if you would like your student to participate.**

Name: _____

School: Gaudet Middle School & Learning Academy

Grade Level: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parent EMAIL: _____

Signature: _____

In closing, we would like to thank you for your support of this new program and our efforts to expand our prevention, detection, and testing of COVID-19 in our state and within our schools.