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Dear TIMES² Academy Parents and Guardians:

The Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE), in collaboration with the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH), is pleased to announce that they are now offering participation in a one-time COVID-19 testing program at TIMES² 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 partnering with RIDE and RIDOH as a participating school.

Our school will offer polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests on **Friday, January 29th beginning at 8:30am.** All students, staff, and teachers at our school are being offered on-site testing free of charge.

For test, each child 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**.

Our school nurse, Rachael Cassidy, will have access to the results of the PCR test to ensure you are informed of the result and to answer any questions you may have as it pertains to the result. If you have any questions on the program you may reach out to her and/or attend the **TIMES² Academy Townhall** on **Tuesday, January 26th beginning at 5:30pm.**

In order for your child to participate in this testing program, your permission is needed. If you wish to be present during the testing of your child, please indicate that below.

Sign below and return form back to the school if you would like your child to participate.

Child's Name:____

Child's School: TIMES² Academy Child's Grade Level :_____

Parent/Guardian's Phone Number:_____

Parent/Guardian's EMAIL:

Parent/Guardian's 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 TIMES² Academy family.

Sincerely,

Christianne Fisher, Elementary Principal K – 6

Jennifer Aguiar, Middle-High Principal 7 - 12