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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The new Rhode Island Advanced Coursework Network provides qualified high school and middle school students the chance to take an exciting catalog of college and career preparatory courses at no cost to participating students.

Governor Raimondo, the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) and stakeholders across our state created this innovative new program starting in the 2016-2017 school year.

Advanced Coursework Network courses will be offered by Rhode Island colleges and universities, community based organizations and other school districts at no cost to you and your family.

Taking advantage of advanced coursework of all kinds can better prepare students for success in college and future careers. Taking advantage of dual enrollment or Advanced Placement courses can reduce the time it takes your student to earn a college degree while significantly reducing the college costs your family will have to pay.

Contact the high school's Guidance Department and they will help you and your student understand the opportunities for taking advanced coursework and how your student can meet graduation requirements by taking these courses while still in high school.

Learn more about the Advanced Coursework Network at www.RIDE.ri.gov/advancedcoursework.

The Advanced Coursework Network Course catalog will be available on RIDE’s website in February – www.RIDE.ri.gov/advancedcoursework. The Advanced Coursework Network Course catalog for Narragansett High School will be available on the school’s website in June.

Our goal is to help all students take advantage of this important new program, part of the expanding opportunities Rhode Island students will have to graduate high school prepared for college and career success.

Sincerely,

Daniel F. Warner, Principal