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Hello Class 53,

I hope that all of you are safe and healthy. We are living through extraordinary times, which requires each of us to do our part for the good of all. As you know, Governor Northam recently cancelled the rest of the academic school year and instituted a state wide policy of “**Stay at Home**” until June 10 2020. Unfortunately, we need to delay the start of Class 53, at this point, that date is still to be determined.

As an alternative solution, this morning our chain of command gave us permission to begin detail planning for Class 53 to come aboard ChalleNGe in the **VIRTUAL**. What does this mean? The ChalleNGe curriculum is structured around eight core components; Academic Excellence, Life Coping Skills, Service to Community, Leadership Followership, Physical Fitness, Responsible Citizenship, Health and Hygiene and Job Skills. I feel that we can offer virtual curriculum and begin to satisfy five of eight core components.

I know that one of the major reasons most of you chose ChalleNGe was to satisfy your educational requirements through either our Credit Recovery Track or GED Track. Edgenuity, our educational platform can be fully accessible and monitored by ChalleNGe teachers in the virtual. In addition, ChalleNGe staff would develop and deliver virtual classes to include Counseling, Physical Fitness, Job Skills and Health Education.

I am confident that in partnership with our staff we can develop a solid plan so that each member of Class 53 can move towards achieving your goals. Beginning next week a ChalleNGe staff member will reach out to you to conduct a survey for interest in participating and any internet connectivity concerns. I am looking to gather data, develop curriculum and then roll out a virtual plan towards the end of April.

My intent is to begin Class 53 in the Virtual and in the future when we are able to have Cadets on campus then satisfy the non-virtual ChalleNGe graduation requirements and graduate. I look forward to your feedback. Be safe and stay healthy.

Respectfully,

E. Mark Chicoine
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