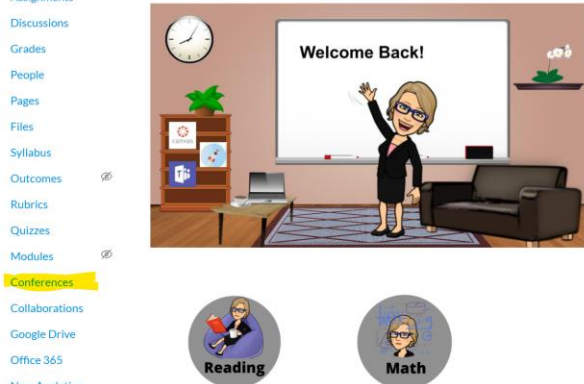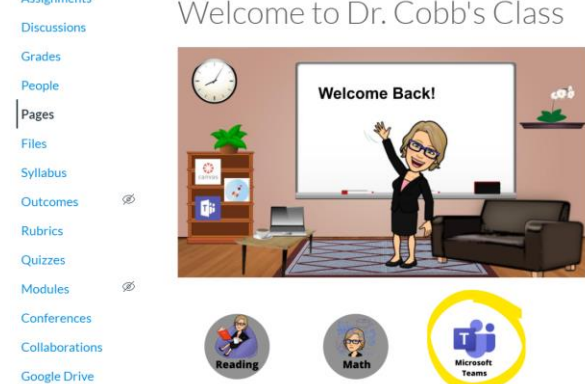| Canvas Conferences	Microsoft Teams	Zoom
This tool is integrated into Canvas and allows teachers to provide synchronous, real-time instruction without leaving Canvas. This feature is powered by Big Blue Button. This tool is great for teachers looking for simplicity, especially for early learners. This is also the best tool for synchronous tutoring or small group instruction because it allows the teacher to set available hours and students can sign-up for a time slot within Canvas. The scheduled session will appear on both the teacher's and student's Canvas calendars. The scheduling feature is a plus. It is the only fully integrated conferencing tool.	Since every student and teacher in the system has an Office 365 account, Teams is the preferred choice for your teachers who are comfortable with the Microsoft Suite. Using Teams allows your students to easily integrate all of the Microsoft products in one place. We highly recommend Teams for the teachers who will use OneNote, PowerPoint, Excel, SharePoint, OneDrive, etc. Another advantage of Teams is that your students are already rostered; when they log in to Teams, they do not need to create an account.	As a school system, we do not provide technical support or PL for Zoom, but we do understand that some teachers are more comfortable using Zoom. We leave that up to you as a building-level leader. In this environment with so much "new learning," teacher comfort level is important.
Downside: Big Blue Button has been known to experience downtime when the system is extremely busy.	Downside: Teachers using Teams must place the link on their Canvas homepage. No matter how your teacher links Teams to their course, it is still a link that will take the students outside of Canvas and requires the students and teachers to be a bit more tech savvy.	Downside: Students are not rostered, so they will need to create an account. If they choose a nickname username, the teacher will need to know the username to identify the student. For example, if my username is Dreamer101, my teacher will need to know that is me. This can be avoided with clear directions from the teachers on the front end. Downside: The teachers and students will not receive RCSS technical support for resolving issues. Downside: Like Teams, no matter how your teacher links Zoom to their course, it is still a link that will take the students outside of Canvas and requires students and teachers to be a bit more tech savvy.
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