## <u>DEAR SCHOOL LEADERS: Families at your school can save on their internet bills through the Affordable Connectivity Program</u>

High-speed internet is a necessity – especially for students. That's why the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law created the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) to lower internet costs for families. ACP provides eligible households:

- Up to \$30/month off their internet bills (or \$75/month on Tribal lands), and
- A one-time \$100 discount off a laptop, tablet, or computer.

Tens of millions of families are eligible but have not yet claimed their benefit. A family is eligible if any *one* of the following applies:

- A child participates in the Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch or Breakfast program, including at Community Eligibility Provision schools
- The household's income is 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or less (\$60,000 for a family of four)
- A member of the household participates in certain other federal programs, like Medicaid or SNAP; <u>OR</u>
- The household meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income plan.

Many internet service providers offer high-speed plans that are fully covered by ACP – meaning millions of families can now get high-speed internet without paying a dime.

<u>GetInternet.gov</u> is a one-stop shop to check eligibility and sign up. <u>Families can also call 877-384-2575 for more ways to apply.</u>

#### How to help spread the word at your school:

- 1. **Send home backpack flyers letting families know about ACP and GetInternet.gov**. Direct outreach to eligible households is the best way to support enrollment. A sample backpack flyer is enclosed.
- 2. **Include reminders in other communications to families**. When communicating with families, a simple "P.S." about ACP and GetInternet.gov is an easy way to raise awareness.
- 3. **Host digital navigators at school events that students and families attend**. Many local organizations like nonprofits and libraries are digital navigators who can help families sign up.
- 4. **Include a link to GetInternet.gov on school websites that students and families use frequently** for example, your school's homepage or websites that students use to access class resources.
- 5. Spread the word through social media, text messages, bulletin boards, or other channels. Example messages:
  - "Hey Mesa, the Affordable Connectivity Program offers eligible households \$30 off your internet bill. To learn more, visit <u>GetInternet.gov</u> or contact your internet service provider!" text from Mesa, Arizona to city residents
  - "Since you get SNAP, you can also get \$30 off your monthly internet bill and \$100 off a laptop, tablet, or computer through a federal program called the Affordable Connectivity Program.

    Learn more & apply: <a href="https://www.GetInternet.gov">www.GetInternet.gov</a>" text from Massachusetts to SNAP clients
  - Example social media posts in <u>English</u> and <u>Spanish</u>

For additional Outreach Tools, visit: <a href="https://www.fcc.gov/acp-consumer-outreach-toolkit">https://www.fcc.gov/acp-consumer-outreach-toolkit</a>

# **DEAR PARENT:** Visit <u>GetInternet.gov</u> today to check your family's eligibility for \$30 off your monthly internet bill and to sign up to save!

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Many internet service providers across the country offer high-speed internet plans that are fully covered by ACP – so millions of families can now get high-speed internet without paying a dime.

#### Is my family eligible to save on our internet bill?

Tens of millions of U.S. households are eligible for ACP. You are eligible if any *one* of these applies:

- A member of your household participates in:
  - Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch or Breakfast Program
    - Includes Community
       Eligibility Provision schools
       (which serve meals at no cost to all students)
  - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
  - Medicaid
  - Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit
- Federal Pell Grant (current year)
- Tribal assistance programs, including:
   Bureau of Indian Affairs General
   Assistance, Tribal Head Start (if meeting the relevant income qualifying standard),
   Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Tribal TANF), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
- Your household income is 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or less (\$60,000 for a family of four), <u>OR</u>
- Your household qualifies for a participating provider's existing low-income plan.

#### How do I enroll?

- <u>Step 1</u>: Claim your ACP benefit by visiting <u>GetInternet.gov</u> to submit an application or to print out a mail-in application, contact a participating internet service provider, or call 877-384-2575 to learn more.
- Step 2: Contact a participating internet service provider to choose an internet plan.

### Which providers offer fully covered plans?

Here are providers offering high-speed internet plans that are fully covered – so you have no out-of-pocket cost:

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