May 6, 2021

Hello All,

Our central office has been working tremendously hard to have our district qualify as a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school district which qualifies our families important benefits, no matter what your income is. The two most notable programs are:

1. **Pennsylvania Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT). This is a card that you should receive like you may have in the past which will provide food assistance.** **<our district completed the work for you>**
2. **The Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) Program** **<your family must take action to receive this benefit>**

Both programs are open to all of our Riverside students as we are a CEP school district (K-12).

P-EBT Summary: The U.S. Congress created the Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) Program in Spring 2020 to help families buy food while schools were closed due to COVID-19. More P-EBT funds are being issued to families for the 2020-2021 school year.

New P-EBT Cards will be mailed to all other families who qualify.

- Families can expect to receive one card for each eligible child.
- Even if you received a P-EBT card for last school year, you will receive a new card.
- Your school will be providing the mailing address for the card. It is important to make sure your school has your correct mailing address.
- Your child's birth date will be needed to activate the card, make sure your school also has your child's correct date of birth.
- Keep the new P-EBT card you receive, future payments will post to that card.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) program, which will provide free Internet to low-income families during the COVID emergency, will begin accepting enrollments on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at: https://www.getemergencybroadband.org/.

The program is open to all low-income families (not just those with school-age children) as well as any family that has a student attending a CEP school.
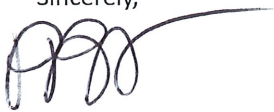
EBB Program Summary:

EBB subsidies will be up to $50/month for Internet access, and up to $100 toward the purchase of a connected device (computer or tablet) from an EBB provider. Only one Internet subsidy is eligible per household. Only one connected device subsidy is eligible per household, and the household must contribute between $10-$50 towards the purchase price.

Participating Providers in PA:

A total of 48 Pennsylvania providers have signed up to participate! A full list is available at: https://www.fcc.gov/emergency-broadband-benefit-providers#Pennsylvania (note: "Fixed" means home Internet service and "Mobile" means wireless internet services).

In times like these, we are very excited that we qualify in order to provide a boost to our families!

Sincerely,

Paul

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Superintendent of Schools

EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT

HELPING HOUSEHOLDS CONNECT DURING THE PANDEMIC

What is it?

A temporary FCC program to help households struggling to afford internet service during the pandemic.

The benefit provides:

- Up to $50/month discount for broadband service;
- Up to $75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands; and
- A one-time discount of up to $100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.

Who is eligible?

A household is eligible if one member of the household:

- Has an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or participates in certain government assistance programs;
- Receives benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch or breakfast program;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year;
- Experienced a substantial loss of income due to job loss or furlough since February 29, 2020; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

THREE WAYS TO APPLY

1 **Contact your Preferred Participating Provider Directly**
Ask your provider if they participate in the EBB, or use our online tool to find a participating company near you.

2 **Online**
Use the online application at **GetEmergencyBroadband.org**

3 **By Mail**
Print an application in English or Spanish. Complete the application and send with proof of eligibility to:

Emergency Broadband Support Center
P.O. Box 7081
London, KY 40742

For additional information, **Call 833-511-0311**, or visit **fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit**

PRESTACION DE EMERGENCIA PARA BANDA ANCHA

APOYANDO LA CONEXIÓN DE LOS HOGARES EN TIEMPOS DE PANDEMIA

¿QUE ES?

Es un programa temporal de la FCC para ayudar a los hogares que enfrentan dificultades para pagar por servicios de internet durante la pandemia.

La prestación aporta:

- Un descuento mensual de hasta $50 para servicios de banda ancha.
- Un descuento mensual de hasta $75 para hogares elegibles en Territorios tribales.
- Un descuento, por una sola vez, de hasta $100 por un computador portátil, un computador de escritorio o una tableta electrónica, comprados a un proveedor participante.

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¿Quién es elegible?

Un hogar es elegible si un miembro cumple con una de las siguientes condiciones:

- Su ingreso es equivalente o está por debajo del 135% del nivel federal de pobreza (Federal Poverty Guidelines) o participa en ciertos programas de asistencia.
- Recibe subsidios a través del programa escolar de almuerzos y desayunos gratuitos y a precio reducido.
- Recibió una beca Federal Pell Grant durante el año en curso.
- Experimentó una reducción sustancial en su ingreso, por pérdida de empleo o por cesantía, a partir del 29 de febrero de 2020.
- Cumple con las condiciones de elegibilidad exigidas por un proveedor participante en un programa para usuarios de bajos ingresos o relacionado con la pandemia de COVID-19.

HAY TRES FORMAS DE SOLICITAR LA PRESTACION

1 **Contáctese con el proveedor de banda ancha participante**

Pregúntele directamente a su proveedor preferido si participa en la EBB o use nuestro sitio web para localizar una compañía participante en su área.

2 **En línea**

Solicite la prestación, en línea, visitando:
GetEmergencyBroadband.org

3 **Por correo**

Imprima un formulario de solicitud en inglés o español. Respóndalo y envíelo con pruebas de elegibilidad a:

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