

Dear Alabama School District Superintendent,

We are pleased to announce that students in your district will be eligible to receive free access to high-speed internet through the Alabama Broadband Connectivity (ABC) for Students Program. With \$100 million allocated from the federal CARES act fund by Governor Ivey, the ABC for Students Program is designed to support low-income households to empower their learners to succeed in this unprecedented fall term of school.

We'd like to share some basic features of the program and ask for your support.

Here's an overview of how the program works:

- Students enrolled in the National School Lunch Program through their school will automatically be enrolled in the ABC for Students Program.
- Each enrolled household will receive a voucher letter that looks like [this](#). Letters will begin to reach mailboxes on Monday, August 24th.
- A prepaid voucher number will be included on each letter. The voucher will cover the cost of equipment, installation, and high-speed internet service through December 30, 2020.
- The voucher letter contains each household's unique prepaid voucher number, a list of participating internet service providers in their area, and 4 steps they must take to receive their free internet service.

Our priorities are twofold: to ensure as many students as possible are able to access high-speed internet for distance learning and to remove as much burden as possible from the schools in the implementation of this program. That being said, Alabama's school administrators play a key role in the success of the ABC for Students Program. **We need your help sharing the ABC for Students program with households in your district and ask for your assistance in confirming students' eligibility for the ABC program.**

**To help us share the program**, we've created an ABC Toolkit that has downloadable templates, sample voucher letters, videos, posters, FAQs, and more, all of which can be accessed here: [bit.ly/ToolkitABC](https://bit.ly/ToolkitABC). **It is essential that eligible households in your district know to expect the voucher letter before it arrives (as early as August 24).** That way, they will know the letter and program are legitimate and they will know to take action if they believe they are eligible, but do not receive a letter. We ask that you share the details of the ABC for Students Program and the contents of the Toolkit with your school administrators, principals, teachers, and key constituents in your district so that they are familiar with the program and are

empowered to share information about the program in the ways that will work best for their school district. A guide to the Toolkit describing its contents can be found here:

[bit.ly/ToolkitABCGuide](https://bit.ly/ToolkitABCGuide)

**To help ensure eligible students are enrolled in the ABC for Students Program, we ask that you have schools in your district update students' registration for the National School Lunch Program. Enrollment in the National School Lunch Program automatically enrolls students in the ABC for Students Program and is the determination of eligibility. The address on file with the National School Lunch Program is the address that will receive the ABC for Students voucher letter. It is essential that eligible households update the address for their enrolled student so that they receive the voucher.**

Like you, it is our mission to make sure that every student in Alabama is able to access their education. We look forward to working with you, your schools, and your community. Please reach out to us at [ABCForStudentsTeam@gmail.com](mailto:ABCForStudentsTeam@gmail.com) with any questions, ideas, or issues. We are here for you!

Sincerely,

The ABC for Students Communications Team