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Broadband Grants Program Administrator:

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the importance of the Searsboro Telephone Company to the Lynnvill-Sully Community School District as well as support their Iowa grant program application. As superintendent of Lynnvill-Sully since 2010, I have worked closely with Don Long and the Searsboro Telephone Company on several community projects.

Searsboro area families have children attending Lynnvill-Sully Schools. The Searsboro Telephone Company supports Lynnvill-Sully families by providing personalized service to customers. Students in the school district rely on high-speed internet for completion of assignments as well as online college classes. In addition, parents have the ability to check their children's grades online. The Searsboro Telephone Company understands upgrading fiber optic cable for high speed internet service is valuable to the education of rural families.

In addition, the Searsboro Telephone Company supports multiple school projects. For example, financial support has been provided to the Lynnvill-Sully Community Education Foundation (LSCEF) Teacher Mini-Grant Program. Since its inception five year ago, the LSCEF has relied on support from Searsboro Telephone in awarding \$5,000 each year to Lynnvill-Sully teachers for innovative classroom projects. Another example has been support of student athletic and performing arts program initiatives in the Lynnvill-Sully Community School District.

I strongly recommend the Searsboro Telephone Company for the state of Iowa grant program to upgrade fiber optic cable for high speed internet service to the Searsboro area and Lynnvill-Sully Community School District families. As the delivery of instruction continues to evolve, the Searsboro Telephone Company understands reliable high speed internet for rural students is beneficial to parents and students.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shane Ehs".

Shane Ehresman, Ed.S.
Superintendent