



**VINTON-SHELLSBURG
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**
"Home of the Vikings/Vikettes"

Kyle Koeppen
Superintendent

Brenda Barkdoll
Business Manager

July 31, 2020

Dear Vinton Communication Utility Board,

Thank you for your efforts in providing quality, reliable broadband internet service to our community. The Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District has 40% of our students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. This is over 600 students. These students live at 345 different addresses within our district, 220 of these addresses are within the city of Vinton.

Partnering to serve these families, especially during the COVID pandemic, will greatly increase their ability to access their school materials and communication with their teachers when having to learn remotely.

Sincerely,

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Vinton Communications Board in support of their application for grant money to provide internet to families in need within our community. The Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District serves over 1,500 students. Our school district currently has 40% of our students who qualify for free or reduced lunch.

Because of health concerns with the COVID pandemic we have over one hundred families registered for our virtually learning option. We also will have the likelihood of the school schedule being impacted from the COVID pandemic, where half or all the students will be required to learn remotely. Because of this, having quality access to broadband internet is critical to our plans for students accessing their educational resources. Through this grant students would have access to high quality, reliable broadband internet, which would help the school serve the students.

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