



February 22 , 2021

Office of the Chief Information Officer
200 E. Grand Ave.
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

To Whom It May Concern:

As the lead economic development organization serving Grundy and Butler Counties, we are acutely aware of the need for adequate internet service. The recent pandemic has brought a new awareness to this matter as well. Whether we are working to attract a new employer, business, or even a family that is considering relocating into our counties, access to high speed reliable internet has become one of the top considerations. The ability to work remotely has brought new opportunities to rural Iowa for attracting working adults as never before.

Dumont Telephone Company is by far, one of the most community minded, visionary utility providers in our counties. They have already invested millions of dollars in fiber to serve their customers, and we are excited that they want to continue to expand their fiber service into the Kesley area.

We sincerely hope you will give positive consideration to their grant application, so that they make this project a reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Kolb".

Jeff Kolb
Executive Director

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this letter of support for the grant to build fiber optic cable in eligible rural areas within Butler and Grundy counties. This initiative will greatly help our students and families with connectivity issues. Having high quality broadband connection in homes is important. The use of grant dollars or other CARES Act funding would be greatly appreciated.

As Superintendent of Schools at both Aplington-Parkersburg CSD and Grundy Center CSD, I realize that many of our students, families, and staff have connectivity issues. It is important that our students, families, and staff have access to internet access. We support businesses efforts, such as Dumont Telephone Company of Dumont, Iowa, to lay fiber optic cable in the unserved areas of our community and continue to upgrade our services as we move in the future. It is vital that our students, families, and staff can participate in distance learning, virtual online instruction, and the required school work.

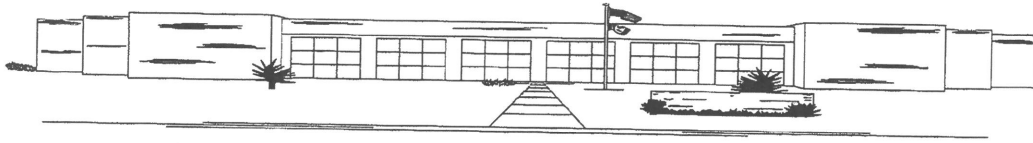
Thank you for your considerations and support of this technological funding in efforts to provide internet access to underserved communities, families, staff, and students. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Hughes
A-P Superintendent

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To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is in response the recent approved funding through the CARES Act to address the ever-increasing need for broadband connectivity in Iowa rural areas.

As the Butler County Information Technology Director, I work closely with the Dumont Telephone Company, Dumont Iowa. It is very important for our rural areas to have access to high-speed fiber internet access. We use our pipe to off-load system configurations and data backups to a local datacenter. Without this access, it would be impossible to have a disaster recovery plan. Butler County supports our local businesses, such as Dumont Telephone, with their efforts to construct fiber optic cable in our local communities.

Thank you for considering funding to the Dumont Telephone Company to construct fiber optic cable in Butler County. Iowa.

Sincerely,

Sara Trepp
Butler County Information Technology Director