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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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