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**FCC ANNOUNCES \$46 MILLION IN EMERGENCY CONNECTIVITY
FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES**

*Nearly 18 Million Students Nationwide Have Received Support to Date in
Ongoing Work to Close the Homework Gap*

WASHINGTON, August 9, 2023—The Federal Communications Commission today announced it is committing \$46.3 million in a new funding round through the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program, which provides digital tools and services to support students in communities across the country. Today’s funding commitment supports applications from the third application window, benefitting approximately 125,000 students nationwide, including students in Arizona, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Ohio, Oregon, and Washington.

“For many students, the start of the school year brings renewed concerns about access to the digital tools that they need to succeed in school. That’s why we’re pleased to announce another round of funding to help close the Homework Gap just in time for students to head back to class,” **said FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel.**

Today’s announcement will support approximately 250 schools and school districts, 13 libraries and library systems, and 2 consortia. The funding can be used to support off-campus learning, such as nightly homework, and summer online learning programs to ensure students across the country have the necessary support to keep up with their education. More details about which schools and libraries have received funding commitments can be found at <https://www.fcc.gov/emergency-connectivity-fund>.

Launched in 2021, the Emergency Connectivity Program has provided schools and libraries three different “application windows” to apply for support. Approximately \$6.86 billion in funding commitments have been approved to date, approximately \$4.14 billion is supporting applications from Window 1; \$834 million from Window 2; and \$1.89 billion from Window 3. To date, the funding has provided support to approximately 18 million students, 11,100 schools, 1050 libraries, and 120 consortia, and provided nearly 13 million connected devices and over 8 million broadband connections.

As a long-term solution to the Homework Gap, Chairwoman Rosenworcel recently announced her new initiative “Learn Without Limits” to modernize the E-Rate program to allow for Wi-Fi on school buses and for permanent support to loan out Wi-Fi hotspots. For more information see: <https://www.fcc.gov/document/chairwoman-rosenworcel-announces-learn-without-limits-initiative>.

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