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**FCC ANNOUNCES NEARLY \$29 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, June 28, 2023—The Federal Communications Commission today announced it is committing nearly \$29 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 65,000 students nationwide, including students in California, Idaho, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and South Dakota.

“To keep up with their learning during the summer, many students still rely on libraries and schools to make sure they have access to the internet when school is out of session. That’s why we’re pleased to announce another round of funding to help close the Homework Gap by making sure all kids have the digital tools they need to connect with classrooms and teachers, all year round,” said FCC Chairwoman Rosenworcel.

Launched in 2021, the Emergency Connectivity Program has provided schools and libraries three different “application windows” to apply for support. Approximately \$6.7 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 \$1.77 billion from Window 3. To date, the funding has provided support to approximately 18 million students, 11,000 schools, 1,050 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>

Today’s announcement will support approximately 120 schools and school districts, 7 libraries and library systems, and 4 consortia. The funding can be used to support off-campus learning, such as nightly homework, and summertime 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>.

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See *MCI v. FCC*, 515 F.2d 385 (D.C. Cir. 1974).*