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Dear Google,

I support Kenosha County in its bid for Google's ultra-high speed broadband network.

Kenosha is a growing community and as such, so is the school district. Kenosha Unified School District is the third largest district in Wisconsin and is on its way to becoming the second largest in the next five to ten years. The need to bridge the digital-divide and provide the tools necessary for 21st century learners is a task of insurmountable proportions. Budgets are shrinking, costs are increasing and needs are growing.

A strategic initiative is to provide a computing device to every student and staff member. The opportunity of having ultra-high speed broadband access to district resources from home is an enabling factor that will empower students. Empower students to reach their unique capabilities, contribute to our community, and compete in a global society by providing diverse and challenging opportunities to learn through the collaborative efforts of students, families, community and staff.



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It isn't enough to provide technology to students who can only use the technology in school because they have no means of accessing the Internet or district resources from home. Students demand and need the ability to learn 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Parents who cannot afford to provide broadband because of limited finances may only have enough to keep a roof over their heads and put food on the table. This puts their children at a disadvantage over those that do have broadband access from home. This is a unique challenge that school districts must face. How do we teach 21st century skills when a majority of our students are disadvantaged?

Kenosha Unified School District, Kenosha County and Gateway Technical College collaborate on a county-wide fiber infrastructure that provides ultra-high bandwidth to our buildings. However, this infrastructure does not reach the homes. With Google's ultra-high speed broadband initiative, we could leverage our existing fiber infrastructure and students would be provided the access to the world's resources that they need to be competitive in our global society.

I support Kenosha County in its bid for Google's ultra-high speed broadband network.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Honoré".

Daniel Honoré