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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We would like to inform you of a program called the Affordable Connectivity Program that may allow you to receive discounts for internet access at your home. This program must be **applied for directly by the parent or guardian**, but we are sharing this information with you to point you in the right direction to apply for services.Affordable Connectivity Program Fund supports participating providers of certain broadband services, such as hotspots or high speed internet to qualifying households with the temporary Affordable Connectivity Program. Participating providers will offer a discount of up to $50/month to eligible households. Other information and linked resources are below:

- Funds do **not** flow through or to schools.
- Families must demonstrate that at least one member of the household received benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program (USDA CEP), or that they did so in the 2019-2020 school year. Since our district is part of the CEP program to demonstrate this, you have 2 options:
    - If applying online, select the Powell County school your child attends from the dropdown menu.
    - If applying by mail, provide the school name, city, and state of the school your child attended/attends for the 2019–2020 and/or 2020–2021 school years.
- Parent(s)/Guardian(s) can contact their local telecommunications providers to receive subsidized connection services.
- Funds expire when funds are exhausted or six months after the Department of Health and Human Services declares the end of the COVID-19 health emergency.
- More information about the program, approved internet providers, and the online sign-up are located at https://getemergencybroadband.org/