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Dear WSD3 Families,

We have been working diligently to build a distance learning model that will be a meaningful way for ALL students to master skills this fourth quarter. One of our challenges includes the fact that some students do not have access to the internet in their homes. The following are free or low-cost options that will provide access for those who do not have it.

Home Internet Service

1. [Comcast Internet Essentials](#): First two months free, then \$9.95 per month after that for qualifying households. [Apply online](#) or call 1-855-846-8376 during normal business hours.

Free Public WiFi

1. [Xfinity WiFi hotspots](#): Find one close to you at this link. Available in Widefield/Security and Fountain. Until further notice, all Xfinity WiFi Public Hotspots are now open to everyone on the "xfinitywifi" SSID. Public hotspots can be found in small/medium businesses and outdoors in commercial areas. Non-Xfinity subscribers need to accept Terms and Conditions to access the network and repeat when requested to continue to receive free unlimited access.
2. [AT&T Offerings](#)
 - a. **Unlimited AT&T Home Internet** – All AT&T consumer home internet wireline customers, as well as Fixed Wireless Internet, can use unlimited internet data. Additionally, we'll continue to offer internet access for qualifying limited income households at \$10 a month through our [Access from AT&T program](#). We've expanded eligibility to Access from AT&T to households participating in the National School Lunch Program and Head Start. Additionally, we're offering new Access from AT&T customers two months of free service.
 - b. **AT&T World Connect Advantage** – Business customers currently on or who purchase an AT&T World Connect Advantage package receive 50% off the current rate in a monthly bill credit (max \$7.50/mo.).*
 - c. **Helping You Work and Learn Remotely** – Businesses, universities and schools can keep their teams and classrooms connected through conference calls and video conferencing with [Cisco Webex Meetings](#) with AT&T, and seamlessly forward calls to both mobile and landline phones with [AT&T IP Flexible Reach](#).
 - d. **Distance Learning** – AT&T is underwriting expenses for a "one-stop" resource center to support eLearning Days from the [State Educational Technology Directors Association \(SETDA\)](#) available to all educators in schools to help them handle school closures and the increase in virtual learning due to COVID-19.

Your Cell Phone Carrier

1. [Sprint](#): Sprint is providing Unlimited data for 60 days to customers with metered data plans and giving 20 GB of free mobile hotspot to customers with hotspot-capable devices (effective 3/18).
2. [T-Mobile](#): [T-Mobile Connect](#) – part of the New T-Mobile's 5G for Good initiative – is launching ahead of schedule for \$15 per month, half the price of the company's lowest smartphone plan. And Metro by T-Mobile is adding new, lower-cost options. Current customers also get unlimited smartphone data for the next 60 days (excluding roaming). Starting March 20, 2020, providing T-Mobile and Metro by T-Mobile customers on smartphone plans with hotspot data an additional 20GB of smartphone mobile hotspot (10GB per bill cycle for the next 60 days) for each voice line. (T-Mobile Connect excluded).

As you know, this is a rapidly changing situation, so this information will be updated on the [district website](#) as new information becomes available.