

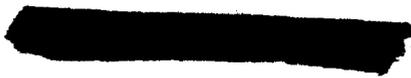
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Ladies & Gentlemen:

We recently received a communication from the American Association of Educational Service Agencies (AAESA) informing us of the action that was taken by the FCC Joint Board to offer a 20 to 90 percent discount for Internet connectivity starting in the 1997-98 school year. We understand that the discounts available to schools will be based on free and reduced price school lunch counts in each district. This would be a **tremendous** boost to the schools in Lassen County, as Lassen County is a rural, frontier county with a poverty rate that ranges from 16.11% to 23.16% according to census tract numbers. **Unfortunately, we will not be able to take advantage of this outstanding opportunity due to Citizenstelecom, our local county-wide phone company.** At the present time, Citizenstelecom does not provide 56K lines throughout the county, nor have they been very cooperative when we have contacted them for information or help. They do take our calls, but so far we have gotten the basic run-around. This means the students in our county are being, and will be, deprived of the accessibility to the Internet that the rest of California and the nation will be, and are, benefiting from.

We are hopeful that you may be able to assist us in the pursuit of Internet connectivity for the students of Lassen County. As you know, without local dial-up access, school districts are unable to afford utilizing the Internet and its many resources in its classrooms. This is **unfortunate**, as our students would greatly benefit from this access. We believe students in Lassen County should be afforded the same level of technological resources as the rest of the State.

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Anything that you can do to be of assistance to us in alleviating this gross injustice to the students in Lassen County would be **GREATLY** appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Llaniss Dickinson".

LLANISS DICKINSON
County Superintendent of Schools

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