

My name is Adrienne Grant and I am the Technology Coordinator at St. Joseph's School for the Deaf. Our school is located in the Bronx, NY and has been educating Deaf students for over 145 years. We are serving an inner city population that is culturally diverse. Since our students are Deaf and hard of hearing, we incorporate many internet videos, lessons, research tools and websites into the educational process. One of the levelers in their education is the ability to provide them with the same digital access that their hearing peers have. The students need to be on the same playing field as other students and be granted the same opportunity. Having broadband and reliable service is key to classroom learning for them. Being visual learners, the devices and tools available to them via the internet are rich in volume, but if they are unable to access them, it makes it difficult for our students to benefit from the same manner.

As our society grows richer with technology, our schools should be able to grow right alongside with them. Thank you in advance for your support