As you prepare for the start of school, we would like to remind you about **PHLConnectED**, a City program that's providing students with the internet they need for digital learning this school year.

PHLConnectED offers two options for eligible households to get free internet:

- An in-home high-speed internet connection, or
- A high-speed mobile hotspot for families who are experiencing homelessness, in-between homes, housing insecure or where in-home connection is not possible

PHLConnectED will provide free internet service for eligible households during the 2020–2021 academic school year. The City and other local funders will cover expenses such as equipment or installation costs. The City will also offer technical support.

If students do not have any in-home internet access or only have internet access through a mobile phone, families can **call the PHLConnectED hotline at 2-1-1 and press option 1** to learn more about:

- eligibility for the program,
- the internet service that your family or household will qualify for, and
- how you can get connected.

Please share this information with any of your students and families who may need internet access. Flyers in 10 languages are available on the District's website:

<u>https://www.philasd.org/technologyservices/gettingconnected/</u>. Additional information can also be found on the City's website: <u>https://www.phila.gov/programs/phlconnected/</u>.

Thank you for helping to ensure that all students have access to the internet service they need for digital learning, and for all you are doing to prepare for a successful school year.

Sincerely,

The School District of Philadelphia

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