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Dear School District of Philadelphia Parent/Guardian,

Congratulations on your graduating student's achievements! We wish them the best and want to help ensure they have reliable internet access as they pursue additional education opportunities or enter the workforce.

Thanks to action taken by the federal government, many Philadelphia households can take advantage of free or low-cost internet options now.

### **Emergency Broadband Benefit**

The federal government's [Emergency Broadband Benefit \(EBB\)](#) program is currently available to residents who need help accessing or maintaining internet connections.

Eligible households in Philadelphia can receive:

- A discount of up to \$50 per month towards broadband service; and
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if a household contributes between \$10 and \$50 toward the purchase price.

### **PHLConnectED**

If you are currently enrolled in [PHLConnectED](#) and there are no other pre-K-12 students in your household who will be returning to school in the 2021-2022 school year, your PHLConnectED service will be extended through January 1, 2022.

Graduating students enrolled in PHLConnectED may also choose to take advantage of the [Emergency Broadband Benefit \(EBB\)](#), a temporary benefit to help households access or keep their internet. The benefit can be applied to existing Internet Essentials service or to other broadband internet service, including hotspot data plans.

**We encourage all families to reach out to a [Digital Navigator](#) today to learn more about the Emergency Broadband Benefit and walk through the signup process.**

Sincerely,

*The School District of Philadelphia*