



Addendum
to
Comments for the record
United States Senate
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

by

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Regarding Broadband

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Addendum to Testimony to Senate Commerce Committee on Potential Broadband Impacts in Rural Alaska.

Comments by Hooper Bay HS Principal Scott Ballard:

Regarding high speed internet service for Hooper Bay School students and community: Currently our educational programs have become very dependent on reliable high speed internet connectivity with corresponding bandwidth to meet the demands of our students logging in to computer-aided instructional programs through the internet.

My Skills Tutor and *Carnegie Math* are two programs that are internet dependent, along with general instructional programs where internet access provides the basis for research projects in all content areas. We frequently face a situation where our bandwidth cannot meet the needs of over 100 out of our 400 students requiring timely access to the internet. When teachers assign a lesson dependent on internet access and students cannot connect or get bumped off the connection, it has serious consequences for the effectiveness of instruction and student engagement.

Additionally, student access in the community to complete homework assignments is not available at this time, again compromising the potential of our students and the expansion of our curriculum beyond the walls of the school

Quyana, Thank you.