



April 20, 2017

Ms. Brittany Hutchison
Legislative Aide
Office of Senator Anna MacKinnon

Re: Availability of 25Mbps for Schools

Dear Ms. Hutchison,

DRS Technologies has been a provider of Internet for schools and healthcare in Alaska for the past fifteen (15) years. Service originally began by delivering in remote areas of Alaska via satellite. During the course of our service delivery in Alaska, DRS Technologies has built a microwave network traversing approximately 550 miles of the Yukon River serving schools and health care clinics along that network.

The schools that DRS currently serves are:

Aleutians East School District
Lake and Peninsula School District
Kuspuk School District
Iditarod School District
Yukon Koyukuk School District
Yukon Flats School District

The schools that we serve have been able to take advantage of the Broadband Assistance Grant to affordably get to 10Mbps of Internet capacity for their students. Should the Legislature pass funding to increase the connectivity to 25Mbps, DRS does have the ability to provide that amount of capacity to each of the sites in those school districts.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide this information.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vickie Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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