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**SUBJECT: WDS INFORMATION BULLETIN No. 21-04
ANGELENO CONNECTIVITY TRUST**

EFFECTIVE DATE

This bulletin is effective upon issuance.

PURPOSE

This bulletin provides information to our network about the Mayor's Angeleno Connectivity Trust (ACT) that provides youth with free internet access.

BACKGROUND

The ACT will provide free internet service to students in Los Angeles who are struggling to stay connected online to classes and essential support services.

While the school district works to meet its responsibility to keep students engaged during the pandemic, Mayor Garcetti has led efforts to keep Angelenos safe and healthy. Through investment and partnerships, the City is addressing Angelenos' basic needs, and moving us closer to the day when students can safely return to their classrooms.

GOALS

Mayor Eric Garcetti in coordination with T-Mobile - through their Project 10Million - the Mayor's Fund for Los Angeles, and several community-based organizations, will help meet the challenge of internet access with the ACT: an initiative aimed at providing 100 GB per year of free Internet access for up to 18,000 students for the next five years.

This program is focused on students experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, young people with disabilities, at-risk youth, and those who may have dropped out of school or cannot attend due to lack of technological resources. ACT partners include the

City's YouthSource and FamilySource Centers, Los Angeles Public Library, and through community organizations like LAUSD, School on Wheels, and North Valley Caring Services. This program amplifies the work that LAUSD has done to connect students and aims to reach beyond students outside of LAUSD.

Program Eligibility

This program serves students and youth who are:

- Living in or attending school in the City of Los Angeles OR receiving services from any one of more of our ACT partners:
 - Any City of Los Angeles YouthSource Center
 - Any City of Los Angeles FamilySource Center
 - North Valley Caring Services
 - School on Wheels
- AND ALSO be students who are:
 - Homeless or residing in a City or County shelter or Project Roomkey OR
 - In foster care OR
 - A student with a disability OR
 - A student who has dropped out of school or is having trouble staying in school this year at least in part to lack of internet connectivity.
- AND not already have a T-Mobile (Project 10Million) hotspot provided by LAU

Students who don't meet the qualifications, but still need free or low-cost internet can visit Get Connected Los Angeles or call 3-1-1 to learn about available options.

Details of Internet Connectivity

- The student will be provided a T-Mobile wifi hotspot at one of the partner organizations or at their local City of Los Angeles Public Library
- These devices provide free access to the internet through a wireless (wifi) signal
- There is a limit of 100 Gigabytes per year for each device
- The devices have 5 years of support

Distribution

Distribution begins on December 7. Parents, guardians, and foster parents can find more information by dialing 3-1-1, contacting a local YouthSource or FamilySource Center or going to <https://getconnectedlosangeles.lacity.org/>.

City-funded YouthSource Centers should begin collecting contact information for eligible participants effectively immediately. EWDD will provide more detailed information on distribution on Monday December 7.

WDS CONTACT

If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, please contact your assigned Program Analyst.

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