



ALLEGANY COUNTY MARYLAND SELECTS ATLANTIC BROADBAND TO PROVIDE INTERNET ACCESS TO LOCAL SCHOOL FAMILIES

National Cable Operator Will Help Improve Teaching and Learning Experience in Allegany County Public Schools via Broadband Connections to 500+ Households

QUINCY, Mass., September 10, 2020 – [Atlantic Broadband](#), the nation's eighth-largest cable operator, has been selected by Allegany County, Maryland Government and Public Schools to bring highly reliable broadband internet to more than 500 families of children in public schools. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, students will be required to participate in full-time remote learning this fall. Atlantic Broadband has partnered with Allegany County Public Schools and Government to ensure that all students have access to videos prepared by their teachers, as well as online assignments, no matter their economic background.

Allegany County Public Schools voted to start the 2020-2021 school year virtually by leveraging a new learning management platform that will offer an interactive experience that mirrors traditional face-to-face classroom instruction. However, educators were concerned about students of varying socioeconomic backgrounds with either no internet or a connection that was not adequate to accommodate virtual learning. The school district and local government will use CARES Act funding to bring Atlantic Broadband access to six neighborhood communities that need services most.

Beginning in September, Atlantic Broadband will start installing 34 hotspots with [Gigabit Internet](#) which will be fully accessible to 518 households. The network will be open, so families with multiple students can easily and reliably connect to the internet from multiple devices. The hotspot access not only benefits students but also families who may have parents working from home and by providing important access to telehealth, grocery delivery or other services.

“The key goal of this program is to provide equal learning access to all our students. Online attendance, participation and assignments will all be accounted for during this school year, and those who do not have access would be disproportionately impacted,” said Nil Grove, CIO, Allegany County Public Schools. “Fortunately, the collaboration between the county, school system and Atlantic Broadband will help ensure access for all students.”

“Atlantic Broadband is committed to providing communities the reliable, fast internet connection they need to succeed,” said Juan Dominguez, Vice President of Sales for Atlantic Broadband. “Especially in a time of change and uncertainty, it’s critical that students and their families have the access they need to remain connected to their teachers and schools. We’re pleased to work with local officials to make this happen.”

"Reliable internet service is essential infrastructure in today's world. Internet accessibility is vital not only for education, but also for business, government operations, and more. Allegany County Government, in partnership with Allegany County Public Schools, is pleased to work with Atlantic Broadband to help our community through this important internet expansion project," Jacob C. Shade, President of the Board of County Commissioners of Allegany County.

To learn more about Atlantic Broadband's home internet offerings, visit [here](#). For more information on its business services, visit [here](#).

ABOUT ATLANTIC BROADBAND

Atlantic Broadband, a subsidiary of Cogeco Communications Inc. (TSX: CCA), is the eighth-largest cable operator in the United States, based on the number of television service customers served. The company provides its residential and business customers with internet, TV and phone services in 11 states: Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. Atlantic Broadband is headquartered in Quincy, Massachusetts. To learn more about Atlantic Broadband, please visit <https://atlanticbb.com>.

ABOUT ATLANTIC BROADBAND BUSINESS

Atlantic Broadband Business delivers advanced Video, Internet, Business WiFi and Phone services to small and medium businesses over a highly reliable, fiber-rich, high-capacity network. It also offers customized, scalable Metro Ethernet enterprise solutions, including dedicated fiber with symmetrical speeds up to 10 Gbps, point-point and multipoint transport, and Hosted Voice solutions. Atlantic Broadband supports its business clients with 24/7 network monitoring and technical support, professional client care, and dedicated local account executives. To learn more, visit atlanticbb.com/business.

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