



# Board of Education

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## Fiber City Lynwood

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### **RESOLUTION NO. 21-22/20**

*In Support of the Lynwood City Council's Goal for Fiber City Lynwood,  
a Vision of Enabling All Lynwood Residents to Access and Adopt  
Broadband Internet Service that is Reliable and Affordable*

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes that lack of access to the Internet and barriers to adoption of Internet service were highlighted and exacerbated by temporary closures to combat the spread of COVID-19 temporarily closing all TK-12 schools in the Lynwood Unified School District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic revealed the reality of inequitable and detrimental gaps in Internet access, adoption, and affordability throughout the City of Lynwood; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes that inequities in Internet access and affordability and adoption can lead to disparate outcomes during a crisis, such as reduced access to relief programs for individuals, families and small business and barriers preventing students from participating in distance learning; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the COVID-19 related school closures and distance learning alternatives put in place, Lynwood Unified School District invited all families, educators, school leaders, and district office staff to participate in stakeholder surveys intended to inform future improvements to the district's capacity to support continuous remote learning in March 2020 and November 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, survey data demonstrated and Lynwood educators reported that families lacking reliable Internet access as among the top barriers to student learning; and

**WHEREAS**, our Lynwood Unified students who will become the next generation contributing to the economy need affordable Internet access to advance their education, access to information, technical training, and job opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lynwood Unified School District has been pursuing strategies to expand access and adoption to broadband Internet through various state and federal funds; and

**WHEREAS**, recent findings from our survey echo, in part, three key barriers to Internet adoption in the Federal Communication Commission's National Broadband Plan: 1) the cost of broadband access for low-income households, 2) the lack of an affordable computing device in the home, and 3) the absence of digital literacy; and

**WHEREAS**, during COVID-19, Lynwood Unified families and students have needed to rely on an Internet connection for telemedicine and healthcare provided online, and the City of Lynwood's infrastructure must facilitate a future when a higher amount of medical care is done remotely, including examining private/public partnerships with service providers; and

**WHEREAS**, due to COVID-19 limitations, adult education programs that provide English language instruction, computer literacy training, workforce readiness, GED classes, and others to adult learners have had to provide all classes remotely which has required increased Internet access and adoption; and

**WHEREAS**, there are additional barriers beyond the lack of technology skills for all learners, including not having adequate technology or Internet access at home; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board wants to substantially increase Internet access and adoption in order to prevent a repeat of the problem experienced during COVID-19 pandemic to maximize learning and economic opportunities for our Lynwood Unified School District families and students, residents, and local business; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Lynwood Unified School District is committed to the goal of enabling all Lynwood residents to access and adopt broadband Internet service that is reliable and affordable, which can be called Fiber City Lynwood; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Lynwood Unified School District is committed to allocating eligible state and federal funds in collaboration with the City of Lynwood for reasonable costs of laptop and tablet computers, WiFi hotspots, routers, and broadband Internet connections for use by students, school staff, and parents who would otherwise lack access to connected devices and broadband Internet services sufficient to engage in remote learning; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Lynwood Unified School District is committed to allocating eligible state and federal funds in collaboration with the City of Lynwood to mitigate learning loss related to COVID-19 school closures through learning support, expanded learning programs, devices or connectivity, integrated pupil supports, professional development, additional academic services, educational technology, community learning hubs, training for school staff, support to help credit deficient pupils graduate; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Lynwood Unified School District will continue to enforce a policy of Internet safety and compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) that includes measures to block or filter Internet access for both minors and adults to certain visual depictions; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Lynwood Unified School District recognizes that a strategic partnership with the City of Lynwood is needed to implement and build a citywide infrastructure to take advantage of federal and state funding opportunities to expand and increase Internet access for all residents in a sustainable manner; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this resolution be made an integral part of the Minutes of the \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, meeting of this Board.

The forgoing Resolution was adopted by the Governing Board of the Lynwood Unified School District on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 by the following votes:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_ NOES: \_\_\_\_\_ ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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