

Emergency Broadband Benefit Program

During the past school year, Utica Community Schools provided your family with a temporary “hot spot” to support learning during remote instruction. As we return to full in-person learning this year, internet access through the hot spot will be discontinued, effective August 16. The hot spot should be returned to your home school the first week of classes.

If you are interested in continuing to receive access, we want to make you aware of the *Emergency Broadband Benefit*.

The *Emergency Broadband Benefit* program is a direct subsidy for internet access to households that qualify. If you do not qualify for the subsidy and require internet access, please contact your building principal for further assistance.

WOW, Comcast, and AT&T all participate with the program. The EBB program allows households to receive up to a \$50 per month subsidy for internet access.

The link to a page that has an explanation of the program is <https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit>

Links to the individual company programs are:

WOW: <https://www.wowway.com/emergency-broadband-benefit>

Comcast: <https://www.xfinity.com/learn/internet-service/ebb>

AT&T: <https://www.att.com/help/ebb/>

While all three internet providers have different internet service plans, WOW does provide a high-speed internet plan that, after subsidy, will provide access at no cost.

It is important to note that you do not have to be a new customer to qualify for this program. Existing customers can apply for the program and have the monthly subsidy credited directly to their account.