

Maine - GEER Initial Report

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Summary

The State of Maine, through our Department of Education, Department of Economic and Community Development, and Department of Administrative and Financial Services – and with input from statewide education stakeholders - developed our plan for using the Governors' Emergency Education Relief funds to ensure universal connectivity to the internet for all Maine students.

Our process included meetings with educators, school leaders, superintendents, our statewide Student Cabinet to the DOE, where we discussed and prioritized the negative impacts from the coronavirus disruption to our education system. In every stakeholder focus group, the same grave concern rose to the top of the prioritized list: lack of connectivity for many students in our mostly rural state. While schools and teachers began offering remote learning to their students, there were pockets of students who were fully isolated from their educational programs due to lack of internet access. What we had considered to be a concerning inequity prior to the declaration of a state of emergency and the closing of school buildings to in-person instruction became more like a humanitarian crisis.

The state also partnered with charitable organizations and community partners to support Maine's SAUs and schools that were most significantly impacted by COVID-19 to continue to provide educational services to Maine students.

Process for identifying and prioritized needs:

The Maine Department of Education conducted a connectivity needs assessment through a series of four surveys that were issued to building principals, technology directors, superintendents, and Maine's public-private school leaders statewide between March 16, 2020 and May 8, 2020. On April 24, 2020 the Maine Department of Education received a grant award notification for the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Funding and with support from procurement specialists in the Maine Department of Administrative and Financial Services, procured service contracts and hotspots to meet the needs that were identified by school leaders in surveys 1-3 (survey #4 was issued on April 24, 2020 in an attempt to reach school leaders that did not initially respond and support the connectivity needs of every SAU and all Maine schools).

Leaders provided data regarding the number of students lacking internet connection, lacking a device, and students lacking both a device and internet access. Maine educators and leaders have demonstrated extraordinary commitment, compassion, and creativity in response to the sudden school building closures. These efforts have provided invaluable and meaningful personal connection and assurance to students in a time of great uncertainty. This is promising momentum and Mainers have shown tremendous courage and audacity. However, given the *specific circumstances* caused by COVID-19 it is prohibitively difficult for educators to offer equitable

online learning opportunities without individual student internet access and innovative professional development for educators.

As a result of the GEER funding, equitable access to the internet for Maine students has become a reality and students statewide have been able maintain important connections with their teachers and access to instructional support during this time of unpredictability and upheaval. This effort has ensured that *all* students have opportunities to continue learning through online platforms regardless of geography or socio-economic status. This process and needs analysis and prioritization of need led to the development of our GEER Fund project: #ConnectKidsNow!

Needs Addressed to Date:

Surveys were sent to schools to help us understand the connectivity needs of students statewide. In total, 84 percent of schools responded indicating that they had students with connectivity needs (showing that 23,805 student lacked connectivity). To meet that need, the Department of Education acquired service contracts for all those students through three different service providers. While awaiting the availability of the GEER funding, Maine DOE reached out to community partners and charitable organizations and began filling these needs immediately. With the arrival of the GEER funds, we have been able to provide connectivity for 100% of the remaining students who were reported as needing access thus far.

GEER Grant Award Amount: \$9,273,552.00

VENDOR	OBLIGATION AMOUNT
US CELL CORP	614,941.91
VERIZON WIRELESS	4,608,937.17
AT & T	21,839.22
SHI	121,044.00
Total	5,366,762.30

The Department of Education is continuing to survey schools to determine further connectivity needs and we are reaching out to both higher education institutions and adult education programs to determine their students' connectivity needs. The following public, charter, and private schools were served by the GEER Fund #ConnectKindsNow! Project.

Internet access has been provided for students in the following public, charter, and private schools:

- Abraham Lincoln School**
- Academy Hill School**
- Acadia Academy School**
- Acton Elementary School**
- Adams School**
- Agnes Gray School**
- Airline Community School**

Albert S Hall School
Albion Elementary School
Alexander Elementary
Alfred Elementary School
Alton Elementary School
Amanda C Rowe School
Ames Elementary School
Andover Elementary School
Appleton Village School
Arthur R. Gould Sch--LCYDC
Asa C Adams School
Ash Point Community School
Ashland District School
Athens Community School
Auburn Middle School
Auburn Middle School
Bangor High School
Bath Middle School
Baxter Academy for Tech & Sciences
Bay Ridge Elementary
Beals Elementary School
Beatrice Rafferty School
Beech Hill School
Belfast Area High School
Belgrade Central School
Benton Elementary School
Biddeford High School
Biddeford Intermediate School
Biddeford Middle School
Biddeford Primary School
Bloomfield Elementary School
Blue Hill Consolidated School
Blue Hill Harbor School
Blue Point School
Bonny Eagle High School
Bonny Eagle Middle School
Boothbay Region Elem School
Boothbay Region High School
Bowdoin Central School
Bowdoinham Community School
Brewer Community School
Brewer Community School
Brewer High School
Bristol Consolidated School
Brooklin School
Brooksville Elementary School
Brownville Elementary School
Bruce M Whittier Middle School
Brunswick High School
Brunswick High School
Brunswick Jr High School

Buckfield Jr-Sr High School
Bucksport High School
Bucksport Middle School
Burchard A Dunn School
Burchard A Dunn School
Buxton Center Elementary School
C K Burns School
Calais Elementary School
Calais Middle/High School
Camden Hills Regional H S
Camden-Rockport Elementary School
Camden-Rockport Middle School
Canaan Elementary School
Cape Cod Hill Elem School
Cape Elizabeth High School
Cape Elizabeth Middle School
Captain Albert W. Stevens School
Caravel Middle School
Caribou High School
Caribou Middle School
Carl J Lamb School
Carmel Elementary School
Carrabec Community School
Carrabec High School
Carrie Ricker School
Cascade Brook School
Casco Bay High School
Cave Hill School
Center Drive School
Central Aroostook Jr-Sr H S
Central Community Elementary School
Central High School
Central Middle School
Central School
Charlotte Elementary School
Chebeague Island School
Chelsea Elementary School
Cherryfield Elementary
China Middle School
China Primary School
Cliff Island School
Clinton Elementary School
Coastal Ridge Elementary
Coffin School
Congin School
Connors-Emerson School
Connor Consolidated School
Cony High School
Cony Middle School
Cornville Downtown Campus
Cornville Early Childhood Campus

Cornville Regional Charter School
Cranberry Isles School
Crescent Park School
Cushing Community School
Daniel F. Mahoney Middle School
Daniel W Merritt School
Dawn F Barnes Elementary Sch
Dayton Consolidated School
Dedham School
Deer Isle-Stonington Elementary Sch
Deer Isle-Stonington High Sch
Deering High School
Denmark Elementary School
Dexter Regional High School
Dike-Newell School
Dirigo Elementary School
Dirigo High School
Dora L Small Elementary School
Downeast School
Dr Levesque Elementary School
Dr Lewis S Libby School
Dresden Elementary School
Durham Community School
Dyer Elementary School
Earl C McGraw School
East Auburn Community School
East Belfast School
East End Community School
East Grand School
East Range II CSD School
Easton Elementary School
Easton Junior-Senior High Sch
Eastport Elementary School
Eddington School
Edgecomb Eddy School
Edmunds Consolidated School
Edna Drinkwater School
Edna Libby Elementary School
Edward Little High School
Edward Little High School
Edward Little High School
Eight Corners Elementary School
Eliot Elementary School
Ella Lewis School
Ella Lewis School
Ella P Burr School
Ellsworth Elementary-Middle School
Ellsworth Elementary-Middle School
Ellsworth High School
Elm Street School-East Machias
Elm Street School-Mechanic Falls

Enfield Station Elementary School
Eric L Knowlton School
Eric L Knowlton School
Erskine Academy
Etna-Dixmont School
Eva Hoyt Zippel School
Fairfield Primary School
Fairmount School
Fairview School
Falmouth Elementary School
Falmouth Elementary School
Falmouth High School
Falmouth Middle School
Farrington School
Farwell Elementary School
Fayette Central School
Fiddlehead School of Arts & Science
Fisher-Mitchell School
Forest Hills Consolidated School
Fort Fairfield Elementary School
Fort Fairfield Middle/High School
Fort Kent Community High School
Fort Kent Elementary School
Fort O'Brien School
Fort Street School
Fourteenth Street School
Foxcroft Academy
Frank H Harrison Middle School
Frank I Brown Elementary School
Freeport High School
Freeport Middle School
Frenchboro Elementary School
Friendship Village School
Fruit Street School
Fryeburg Academy
G Herbert Jewett School
Gardiner Area High School
Gardiner Regional Middle School
Garret Schenck School
George B Weatherbee School
George E Jack School
George J Mitchell School
George Stevens Academy
Georgetown Central School
Gerald D Cushing School
Gladys Weymouth Elem School
Glenburn Elementary School
Gorham High School
Gorham Middle School
Governor John Fairfield School
Granite Street School

Gray-New Gloucester High School
Gray-New Gloucester Middle School
Great Falls Elementary School
Great Salt Bay Community School
Greely High School
Greely Middle School
Greely Middle School 4-5
Greene Central School
Greenville Consolidated School
Guy E Rowe School
H B Emery Jr Memorial School
Hall-Dale Elementary School
Hall-Dale Middle and High School
Hampden Academy
Hancock Grammar School
Harmony Elementary
Harpswell Coastal Academy Division 1
Harpswell Coastal Academy Divisions 2 and 3
Harpswell Community School
Harriet Beecher Stowe Elementary
Harrington Elementary School
Harrison Elementary
Harrison Lyseth Elem School
Hartford-Sumner Elementary School
Hebron Station School
Helen S Dunn Elementary School
Helen Thompson School
Henry L Cottrell School
Hermon High School
Hermon Middle School
Hichborn Middle School
Hodgdon Middle/High School
Holbrook School
Holden School
Hollis School
Hope Elementary School
Horace Mitchell Primary School
Houlton Elementary School
Houlton High School
Houlton Junior High School
Houlton Southside School
Howard C Reiche Community Sch
Indian Island School
Indian Township School
Isle au Haut Rural School
Islesboro Central School
James F. Doughty School
James H Bean School
James Otis Kaler Elementary School
Jameson Elementary School
Jefferson Village School

John Bapst Memorial High School
John F Kennedy Memorial School
Jonesboro Elementary School
Jonesport Elementary School
Jonesport-Beals High School
Jordan-Small Middle School
Katahdin Elementary School
Katahdin Middle/High School
Kennebunk Elementary School
Kennebunk High School
Kennebunkport Consolidated Sch
Kermit S Nickerson School
King Middle School
Kingfield Elementary School
Kingman Elementary School
Lafayette School
Lake Region High School
Lake Region Middle School
Lamoine Consolidated School
Laura E Richards School
Lawrence High School
Lawrence Jr High School
Leavitt Area High School
Lebanon Elementary School
Lee Academy
Lee/Winn School
Leeds Central School
Leonard Middle School
Leroy H Smith School
Lewiston High School
Lewiston Middle School
Libby-Tozier School
Lillian Parks Hussey School
Limestone Community School
Lincoln Academy
Lincoln Middle School
Lincoln Middle School
Lincoln School
Lincolnvile Central School
Line Elementary
Lisbon Community School
Lisbon High School
Long Island Elementary School
Longfellow School-Portland
Loranger Memorial School
Lubec Consolidated School
Lyman Elementary School
Lyman Moore Middle School
Mabel I Wilson School
Machias Memorial High School
Madawaska Elementary School

Madawaska Middle/High School
Madison Area Memorial H S
Madison Elementary School
Madison Junior High School
Maine Academy of Natural Sciences
Maine Arts Academy School
Maine Central Institute
Maine Connections Academy
Maine Ocean School
Maine Virtual Academy
Manchester Elementary School
Manchester School
Manson Park School
Mapleton Elementary School
Maranacook Community High Sch
Maranacook Community Middle Sch
Marcia Buker School
Margaret Chase Smith Sch - Skowhegan
Marshwood Great Works School
Marshwood High School
Marshwood Middle School
Mary Snow School
Massabesic High School
Massabesic Middle School
Mast Landing School
Matinicus Elementary School
Mattawcook Academy
Mattawcook Jr High School
ME Sch of Science & Mathematics
Medomak Middle School
Medomak Valley High School
Medway Middle School
Memorial Middle School
Memorial School
Meroby Elementary School
Messalonskee High School
Messalonskee Middle School
Middle School of the Kennebunks
Milbridge Elementary School
Mildred L Day School
Miles Lane School
Mill Pond School
Mill Stream Elementary School
Miller School
Milo Elementary School
Minot Consolidated School
Molly Ockett School
Molly Ockett School
Monhegan Island School
Monmouth Academy
Monmouth Middle School

Monroe Elementary School
Montello School
Morse High School
Morse Memorial School
Morse Street School
Moscow Elementary
Mountain Valley High School
Mountain Valley Middle School
Mountain View School
Mt Abram Regional High School
Mt Ararat High School
Mt Ararat Middle School
Mt Blue High School
Mt Blue Middle School
Mt Desert Elementary School
Mt Desert Island High School
Mt Jefferson Jr High School
Mt Vernon Elementary School
Mt View Elementary School
Mt View High School
Mt View Middle School
Narragansett Elementary School
Narraguagus High School
New Suncook School
Newburgh Elementary School
Noble High School
Noble Middle School
Nobleboro Central School
Nokomis Regional High School
Nokomis Regional Middle School
North Berwick Elementary School
North Elementary School
North Haven Community School
Oak Hill High School
Oak Hill Middle School
Ocean Avenue
Oceanside High School
Oceanside High School
Oceanside Middle School
Old Orchard Beach High School
Old Town Elementary School
Old Town High School
Opal Myrick Elementary School
Orono High School
Orono Middle School
Otisfield Community School
Oxford Elementary School
Oxford Hills Comprehensive H S
Oxford Hills Middle School
Oxford-Cumberland Canal School
Palermo Consolidated School

Paris Elementary School
Park Avenue Elementary School
Patricia A Duran School
Peaks Island School
Pembroke Elementary School
Pemetic Elementary School
Peninsula School
Penobscot Elementary School
Penobscot Valley High School
Penquis Valley Middle/High School
Penquis Valley Middle/High School
Perry Elementary School
Philip W Sugg Middle School
Phillips Elementary School
Phippsburg Elementary School
Pine Street Elementary School
Piscataquis Community Elementary
Piscataquis Community Secondary School
Pittston-Randolph Consolidated School
Pleasant Hill School
Poland Community School
Poland Regional H S
Pond Cove Elementary
Portland High School
Pownal Elementary School
Prescott Memorial School
Presque Isle High School
Presque Isle Middle School
Presumpscot School
Princeton Elementary School
Ralph M Atwood Primary School
Rangeley Lakes Regional School
Raymond A. Geiger Elementary School
Raymond Elementary School
Readfield Elementary School
Reeds Brook Middle School
Richmond High School
Richmond Middle School
Ridge View Community School
River View Community School
Riverton School
Robert V. Connors Elementary School
Robert W Traip Academy
Rose M Gaffney School
Rumford Elementary
Russell School
Sabattus Primary School
Saccarappa School
Saco Middle School
Saco Pre-K
Sacopee Valley Elementary School

Sacopee Valley High Sch
Sacopee Valley Middle School
SAD #53 Alternative Education
Samuel L Wagner Middle School
Sanford High School
Sanford High School
Sanford Jr High School
Scarborough High School
Scarborough Middle School
Schenck High School
Se Do Mo Cha Elementary School
Se Do Mo Cha Middle School
Sea Road School
Searsport District High School
Searsport District Middle School
Searsport Elementary
Sebago Elementary School
Sebasticook Valley Elementary School
Sedgwick Elementary School
Shapleigh Memorial School
Shapleigh School
Shed High School
Sherwood Heights Elementary Sch
Skowhegan Area High School
Skowhegan Area Middle School
So Aroostook School
Solon Elementary School
Somerset Elementary School
Somerville Elementary School
Songo Locks School
South Bristol Elementary School
South Portland High School
South School
Southport Central School
Spruce Mountain Elementary School
Spruce Mountain High School
Spruce Mountain Middle School
Spruce Mountain Primary School
St George School
Stearns Jr-Sr High School
Steep Falls Elementary School
Stevens Brook School
Stratton Elementary School
Strong Elementary School
Sumner Memorial High School
Surry Elementary School
Suzanne M Smith Elementary School
Swans Island Elementary School
Sylvio J Gilbert School
T W Kelly Dirigo Middle School
Teague Park School

Telstar High School
Telstar Middle School
Thomas J McMahon Elementary Sch
Thomaston Grammar School
Thornton Academy
Tremont Consolidated School
Trenton Elementary School
Tripp Middle School
Troy A Howard Middle School
Troy Central School
Turner Elementary School
Turner Primary School
Union Elementary
Unity Elementary School
Upper Kennebec Valley Middle/Senior High School
Valley Rivers Middle School
Van Buren District Secondary Sch
Van Buren Elementary School
Vassalboro Community School
Veazie Community School
Vickery School
Village Elementary School-Gorham
Village Elementary School-York
Vinalhaven School
Vine Street School
Viola Rand School
W G Mallett School
Waldo T Skillin Elementary School
Walker Memorial School
Walton School
Warren Community School
Warsaw Middle School
Washburn District Elem School
Washburn District High School
Washburn School
Washington Academy
Waterboro Elementary School
Waterford Memorial School
Waterville Junior High School
Waterville Senior High School
Wayne Elementary School
Wells Elementary School
Wells High School
Wells Junior High School
Wentworth School
Wesley Elementary School
West Bath School
Westbrook High School
Westbrook High School
Westbrook High School
Westbrook Middle School

Whitefield Elementary School
Whiting Village School
Willard School
William H Rowe School
William S. Cohen School
Williams Elementary School
Williams-Cone School
Windham High School
Windham Middle School
Windham Primary School
Windsor Elementary School
Winslow Elementary School
Winslow High School
Winslow Junior High School
Winthrop Grade School
Winthrop High School
Winthrop Middle School
Wiscasset Elementary School
Wiscasset Middle/High School
Wisdom Middle High School
Woodland Consolidated Sch
Woodland Elementary School
Woodland Jr-Sr High School
Woodside Elementary School
Woodstock School
Woolwich Central School
Yarmouth Elementary School
Yarmouth High School
York High School
York Middle School
Young School