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# Village of Skokie

March 7, 2016

Skokie School District 73.5  
Attn: Kate Donegan  
8000 East Prairie Road  
Skokie, IL 60076

**RE: High Speed Internet**

Dear Superintendent Donegan:

On occasion, there has been interest in affordable high speed internet connection for school students. As you may be aware, income-eligible families may qualify for low-cost home internet access through a program offered by Comcast. The program is called 'Internet Essentials' and makes wired and wireless internet access available at a rate of \$9.95 per month. A family may qualify for this reduced rate if any child in their household meets eligibility requirements for the National School Lunch Program. In addition, a community college student eligible for the Pell Grant program could qualify for this program.

While the Village does not endorse the Comcast Corporation over other telecommunications companies that serve the Skokie community, this is a program intended to help bridge the digital divide and make affordable internet access available for eligible households. The availability of the Internet Essentials program resulted from a condition that the Federal Communications Commission imposed on Comcast in approving Comcast's acquisition of NBC Universal. Today, Comcast continues to voluntarily offer this program in Illinois communities.

Comcast does have interest in promoting this program to the Skokie community, and if you have interest, our Comcast External Affairs Manager, Frank Deuel, is available to answer any questions you may have and offer promotional information for your use. He may be contacted at (224) 229-6510 or via email to [frank\\_deuel@cable.comcast.com](mailto:frank_deuel@cable.comcast.com).

If I can be of assistance, please let me know.

Thank you,

John T. Lockerby  
Village Manager

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