



April 27, 2021

Tony Shinall, Superintendent  
Brimfield CUSD #309  
PO Box 380, 323 E Clinton St  
Brimfield, IL 61517

Dear Tony Shinall,

On February 25, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) established the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program, a \$3.2 billion federal initiative to help lower the cost of high-speed internet for eligible households during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

I am pleased to share that Mid Century Communications and Mid Century Fiber have elected to participate in this program in the areas we serve. The Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) Program will provide a monthly discount of up to \$50 for broadband service for eligible households. The EBB is temporary and will expire when funds are exhausted or six months after the Department of Health and Human Services declares the end of the COVID-19 health emergency, whichever occurs first.

A household is eligible with Mid Century if one member of the household:

- Qualifies for the Lifeline program, including those who are on Medicaid or receive SNAP benefits;
- Receives benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision, or did so in the 2019-2020 school year;
- Experienced a substantial loss of income since February 29, 2020, and the household had a total income in 2020 below \$99,000 for single filers and \$198,000 for joint filers;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant in the current award year.

The FCC has not yet established the official start date. Once the date is announced, eligible households should enroll directly with Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) or through Mid Century.

Additional information about the EBB program, eligibility, and enrollment is available on our website at [midcentury.com/ebb](http://midcentury.com/ebb) or by calling 309-778-8611.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Broemmer".

Jim Broemmer  
Chief Executive Officer