

Dear Google Executives:

The University of Wisconsin-Parkside is pleased to offer its strong support for the County of Kenosha in their effort to partner with Google to provide ultra-high speed data access to the residents of our community.

UW-Parkside is one of 13 four-year institutions in the University of Wisconsin System. Located in Kenosha County, UW-Parkside offers high-quality academic programs rooted in the tradition of a liberal education in the arts, sciences, and professions. These academic programs are responsive to the occupational, civic, and cultural needs of the region. The institution fosters a teaching and learning community that provides opportunities for collaborative faculty, student, and staff interaction in support of excellence and preparing students to be successful in their professional, civic, and personal lives. UW-Parkside provides programs that meet the intellectual and cultural needs of people throughout their lives.

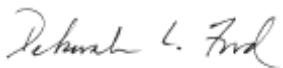
UW-Parkside has a strong commitment to the community. The institution's Center for Community Partnerships (CCP) connects the resources of the university with the needs of southeastern Wisconsin. As the university's front door for community engagement, the focus of the CCP is on mobilizing the talent of students, faculty and staff in the areas of community development and dialogues, community-based scholarship and nonprofit development, and professional and continuing education.

The university is also committed to online learning and distance education. The provision of rich online learning course offerings is dependent upon the availability of high-speed data connectivity to the home. For this reason, providing ultra-high speed connectivity to the residents of Kenosha County would allow UW-Parkside to deliver such course and program offerings to students in this region.

UW-Parkside believes quality educational experiences can help raise awareness and increase the knowledge base of professionals in southeastern Wisconsin. Therefore, the university welcomes the opportunity to deliver rich online life-time learning to the citizens of Kenosha County via Google's Fiber for Communities project.

UW-Parkside is proud to support this innovative project.

Sincerely,



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