

Mr. Frank Pacetti, City Administrator
City of Kenosha
625 52nd Street
Kenosha, WI 53140

March 26, 2010

Dear Mr. Pacetti,

The Kenosha Public Museums whole heartedly support bringing Google's ultra speed broad band network to Kenosha.

With three nationally recognized museums – Kenosha Public Museum, Civil War Museum and Dinosaur Discovery Museums - in our community, the potential to share our resources with greater audiences is dramatically increased with ultra speed broad band capabilities.

As an educational institution, access to information and sharing information are critical to our successful job performance. The best museums today and certainly tomorrow will have high speed internet access for a variety of applications. From professional conversations and dialog between museum colleagues to sharing museums collections on upgraded websites, the internet provides an open-door for collaboration and cooperation.

Distance learning is an important tool to reach out to new audiences and prepare students in their classroom for their on-site museum experiences and for post-visit enhancement. Imagine students watching web-based video of the Four Season Native American Village exhibit and seeing the winter wigwam for the first time. On their field trip they see it in person and learn how it's construction helped keep the Pottawatomie people warm in Wisconsin's cold winters. As a followup later back in the classroom, students create their own model of a wigwam with web-based video instruction with a Museum curator. Imagine bringing the Museum's extensive fine art collection to area nursing homes via the internet. The possibilities are endless.

Resources from other museums and educational facilities can enhance the experience here for our visitors. Imagine a live connection to the Illinois State Museum and their mammoth specimens, exhibits and research as we tell the story of the mammoth excavated in Kenosha County.

Building member and donor support is enhanced when our friends are familiar with and knowledgeable about our museums. Enhanced internet services allows us better communication to encourage visits, draw new members and increase donor support.

The Kenosha Public Museums programs and services would be dramatically enhanced with ultra speed broad band internet access.

Sincerely,

Paula Touhey
Director

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