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Technology has the power to transform learning in many ways. Whether expanding outreach, making lessons come alive, or providing off-campus access, mobile high-speed Internet access is the cornerstone of 21st century learning.

Yet many schools are struggling to meet their growing bandwidth demands. That's why Mobile Beacon offers 4G mobile Internet access at a dramatically subsidized rate. We provide \$10/month unlimited 4G data plans and user-friendly devices that support a variety of educational applications and programs.

We've collected some examples to show you how the ever-expanding Mobile Beacon Nation is using our technology to make a powerful difference in the lives of their students.





Anchorage School District (ASD)

Overview

The Anchorage community had more than 3,800 homeless children and youth, with more than 2,200 enrolled in the school district. ASD uses Mobile Beacon's Internet service to provide out-of-school access to students in the district's Child in Transition / Homeless program.

Successes

- A refugee student from Africa and her family were often homeless, moving 10 times in two years. With the help of a loaner laptop and Mobile Beacon modem, the student received online tutorial help and graduated on time.
- A homeless, unaccompanied youth was "couch surfing" as he struggled to finish high school. Through a loaner laptop and Mobile Beacon modem, he completed the final courses he needed to graduate on time. He plans to enroll at the University of Alaska in the fall.



Ashley Park School

Overview

Ashley Park School serves families in areas with some of the lowest levels of home Internet use in Charlotte. Their students received laptops from One Laptop Per Child (OCLC), but many students were unable to take full advantage of the new devices because they lacked Internet access at home.

Successes

- Mobile Beacon & Ashley Park School launched a pilot program that gave 100 families modems for at-home Internet access.
- Families were able to continue Internet service by enrolling in EveryoneOn's platform for ongoing Mobile Beacon service for \$10/month.
- Ashley Park is planning to use EveryoneOn's free crowdfunding platform to fund 100 additional connections for their students.



Families receiving their 4G modems from Mobile Beacon. Photo courtesy of Ashley Park School.



Clear Creek Independent School District (CCISD)

Overview

CCISD estimates 10% of their students do not have Internet access at home. Rather than fund a solution to this problem themselves, they empowered students to fundraise in order to provide affordable home Internet access for their classmates in need.

Successes

- Students at Clear Brook High School raised \$4,300 in three months to purchase one-year Internet plans for 35 qualifying students at our affordable \$10/month rate.
- Using Mobile Beacon's device donation program through Digital Wish, the district has received over 30 donated modems.



Johnson & Wales University (JWU)

Overview

To access crucial security information and complete their reports, JWU campus security officers had to go back to their office – a potentially dangerous delay. To be more efficient and responsive, the university wanted to equip campus security vehicles with laptops and mobile Internet service. Mobile Beacon's service helped this unfunded project become a reality.

Successes

- Officers now access critical databases from anywhere on campus and receive safety warnings in real time, which reduces radio time and increases efficiency.
- Mobility keeps Safety & Security officers on the road, making increased visibility on campus a powerful deterrent.
- The department has reported significantly improved response times, a key safety priority.





Lighthouse Christian Academy

Overview

Lighthouse Christian Academy is a small school specializing in individualized instruction for students of all abilities, including those with chronic health issues. Mobile Beacon's service enabled them to move to an online curriculum and offer more anytime/anywhere learning opportunities.

Successes

- A fourth grader with a brain tumor affecting her vision can now access her curriculum online at home. The laptop also has custom settings (such as a larger font size) so she can see the lessons.
- Another student is only 12, but working at the 9th grade level. With the laptop and Internet access from Mobile Beacon, the school can tailor her lessons to offer the academic challenges she needs. She is expected to graduate high school at the age of 15 or 16.



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