



## LOUISIANA SENATE

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### **1,000 EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM FAMILIES TO RECEIVE INTERNET CONNECTIVITY**

#### **STATE SENATOR CLEO FIELDS COMMENDS EVERY KID A KING FOR ITS EFFORTS**

The Every Kid a King Fund and the East Baton Rouge Parish School System, in partnership with Cox Communications, are offering 1,000 EBRSS families six months of Internet to help bridge the gap between students and educators during this time of social distancing and distance learning.

The offer is made possible through the non-profit program, Every Kid a King, lead by Dana and Jim Bernhard, and Cox's Connect2Compete Program. The first 1,000 families to qualify will receive six months of Internet service. Senator Fields, Chairman of the Louisiana Senate Committee on Education, is commending the non-profit for its efforts and gracious donation.

"COVID-19 has placed our schools, students, and families in an unprecedented situation that requires more and more reliance on online resources and Internet connectivity," said Fields. "This effort will ensure that more of our disadvantaged students will have access to the resources they need to successfully finish their school year."

To qualify for the Internet service offer, families should click [here](#). The offer is available to families with students enrolled in the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and will be awarded to the first 1,000 families to qualify.

"I want to personally recognize the team at Every Kid a King for their generosity as well as Cox Communications and the EBR School system for their work on this offer," added Fields. "Our school system and its educators are going above and beyond to meet the needs of students during these difficult times. Anything that makes their job even a little bit easier is a blessing."

Fields also encourages other school systems and stakeholder groups to see out similar opportunities to provide students with connectivity options, "Over 30 percent of households in Louisiana are without proper Internet access. This leaves too many of our students behind as we

adapt to distance learning models. We must strive to do more in order to ensure that every child has an opportunity to receive an equitable, quality education.”

To learn more about the offer and the school system’s transition to distance learning, please visit <https://ebschools.org/coronavirus-covid-19/>.

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