

MAINE LEARNING TECHNOLOGY FOUNDATION
PO Box 457 Brunswick, Maine 04011

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Dear MLTI Principal:

As you may have recently heard, the Maine Learning Technology Foundation has partnered with Great Works Internet to expand the opportunity for MLTI students to gain access to the Internet from their homes. This letter is intended to provide the details and forms necessary to have students from your school take part in this initiative.

Both the Foundation and GWI recognize the importance of MLTI and the impact it has had on both students and staff within the schools. As part of this *Home Access Project*, we have three related plans available for MLTI participants, Free Access, Discounted Dial-Up and Discounted Broadband.

The attached sheet describes the aspects and requirements of each plan. It is our intention to have these plans available in early September once students have returned to school and have received their iBooks for the year. We're requesting the assistance of your school to make this information available to your students and staff. During the implementation of this project we will make every effort to minimize the amount of assistance we request from your school, but it is likely that we will ask for your help in collecting sign-up forms and entering the student's login information on their iBook.

The digital divide is a real obstacle, but through MLTI and our Home Access Project, Maine will be able to bridge that divide once and for all and give every student, rich or poor, urban or rural, an equal opportunity for academic success. This project represents a tremendous opportunity for students across our state to advance their learning and I hope that you will help us to make this happen.

If you have questions about the Home Access Project please call 207.624.6777 or e-mail homeaccess@mltfoundation.org.

Thank you for your leadership in this effort. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Angus S. King, Jr.
President
Maine Learning Technology Foundation

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HOME ACCESS PROJECT

INFO SHEET

The partnership between the Maine Learning Technology Foundation and Great Works Internet has made possible the following three options: **Free Access, Discounted Dial-Up** and **Discounted Broadband**. Please see below for further details and requirements on each plan.

FREE ACCESS

This plan will provide filtered dial-up Internet access for use with a student's MLTI iBook. This access is intended for educational purposes and not as a substitute for an existing family Internet service plan. The Foundation will pay for this access at no cost to the student or the family.

Eligibility: In order to qualify for the Free Access plan, a student must meet the guidelines of the Free and Reduced School Lunch Program (FRSLP) for the 2005-06 school year and must not currently have access to the Internet from home.

The school must allow the student to take his/her iBook home outside of school and have an Acceptable Use Policy that includes the use of the iBook at home.

Process: Each interested student must complete and return the Home Access Sign-up and Usage Agreement form and FRSLP Sharing form. These forms require a signature from the student's parent or legal representative. The student should return these forms to a designated person within the school. The school should fax completed forms to: 707-929-1911.

Upon receipt of the completed forms, the Foundation will create an account for the student and send the student's login information to the designated person at the school to allow for the setup of the student's iBook.

DISCOUNTED DIAL-UP & BROADBAND

These plans will provide either a discounted rate of \$8.33 per month for dial-up or \$25 per month for broadband Internet access with GWI. The student or teacher will have an account directly with GWI and will be financially responsible for the cost of this account. At this time the Discounted Broadband accounts will not be filtered. The Discounted Dial-Up accounts will be filtered.

Eligibility: In order to qualify for the Discounted Plans, a student must attend or a teacher must work at a school participating in the Maine Learning Technology Initiative. Each student or teacher must have an iBook assigned to them and provide a valid MLTI asset tag during sign-up.

Process: Please visit www.gwi.net/residential/mlti.html or call 866-494-2020 and identify yourself as an MLTI participant.

For more information about the Home Access Project, please call 207.624.6777 or e-mail homeaccess@mltfoundation.org

Home Access Sign-up And Usage Agreement

As part of the private support for MLTI, Internet access at home will be offered by the Maine Learning Technology Foundation (MLTF) to students who currently do not have Internet access from their home. Service will be provided on the terms and conditions set forth below. Once completed, please fax to: **707-929-1911**.

To apply for this service, please complete the form below and return to the designated contact person at your school.

Student Name: _____
School Name: _____ Student Grade Level: _____
Town of Residence: _____
Home Phone Number: () _____ - _____

I have completed the required forms and for school year 2005-06 I meet the requirements of the Free or Reduced School Lunch Program: ____ Yes ____ No

I **currently** have access to the Internet at home: ____ Yes ____ No

I **currently do not** have access to the Internet at home: ____ Yes ____ No

By signing below, I acknowledge that I want my Student to have access to the Internet while at home and that the information provided above is truthful and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the Internet service is provided under the following conditions – (1) the Internet service is funded by private donations and public funds are not used to provide this service, thus the length of the service is not guaranteed; (2) the Internet service is intended for educational use only and any abuse of the service may lead to restrictions on its use or the suspension or termination of the service, at the sole discretion of MLTF or the Student’s school; (3) the Internet service is not intended as a replacement for an existing family Internet service plan; (4) the Internet service is provided on an “as is” basis and no guarantees are provided regarding Internet service availability or transmission speed; and (5) the Internet service includes basic filtering of content that approximates the baseline filtering of the Maine School and Library Network and this filtering may be more or less comprehensive than that provided in the actual school’s network. Filtering is provided on a system-wide level and cannot be adjusted or removed on an individual account level. I understand that I am responsible for supervising the Student’s use of the system and that any filtering provided by MLTF is not a substitute for my supervision. I also understand that MLTF or the Student’s school, or their representatives or designees, may monitor the usage of the Internet service provided by this Agreement, regardless of whether that usage is by the Student or someone else in the Student’s household. Such monitoring may include but not be limited to the monitoring of usage patterns and sites visited using this service.

I also waive any claim that I or the Student may have in the future against MLTF, the private funders of this project, or the Student’s school for personal injury, including but not limited to emotional injury, or property damage arising out of or related to the provision of this Internet service.

Parent or Legal Representative: _____

Please Print Name: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

OPTIONAL SHARING INFORMATION WITH OTHER PROGRAMS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

To save you time and effort, the information you gave on your Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application may be shared with other programs for which your children may qualify. **For the following programs, we must have your permission to share your information. Sending in this form will not change whether your children get free or reduced price meals.**

No! I **DO NOT** want information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application shared with any of these programs.

If you checked no, stop here. You do not have to complete or send in this form. Your information will not be shared.

Yes! I **DO** want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application with **the Home Access Project of the Maine Learning Technology Foundation.**

If you checked yes to any or all of the boxes above, fill out the form below. Your information will be shared only with the programs you checked.

Child's Name: _____	School: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

For more information, you may call **207-624-6777**.