

Since the cancellation of physical classes in Fort Bend ISD in March due to the pandemic, the district has leveraged deployable solutions to address needs of students who had no devices to connect and network services they could afford. Quickly exhausting current assets such as laptops and lending libraries for a few hotspots was the solution however now that online learning will be prevalent, the students will require more devices as identified in many surveys. The district plans on adding hotspots for students to meet their needs starting with those on the SLP. This comment is to request the addition of some type of hotspot as an eligible Category 1 monthly recurring cost offset by our 60% and Category 2 for 60% of our one time equipment costs. The hotspot, at least for this next year, will be one of the tools that will take an unprecedented role in their lives and with empty classrooms, the current ESL only satisfies pre-covid19 network needs. We would like the consideration of adding the hotspot as a Cat 2 eligible item and Cat 1 for monthly services. Thank you.