

Lawrence Freenet

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Cc: Cynthia Boecker, Diane Stoddard

Dear Dave,

Over the past several years Lawrence Freenet has grown from a small volunteer group working out of a garage into a full fledged IT organization serving businesses, non-profits, low income families and paying subscribers with high speed Internet access.

Later this week, Lawrence Freenet will submit a document to the City of Lawrence that proposes making the Freenet network available to every child in the community through a new network layer called "Freenet-Kids".

This network layer will enable any child within Lawrence to safely access the Internet anywhere, anytime. It will be free to the kids and will give every child the tools they need to learn in the digital age.

Network content filtering policy will be set by the Freenet Kids Content Policy Committee. To develop appropriate policy, we are inviting the following groups to participate in this committee:

- Lawrence Police Department
- PTA
- USD497
- City Attorney's Office
- Headquarters
- Bert Nash
- The Lawrence Education Association
- Juvenile Justice Authority
- Success by Six
- Douglas County Children's Development Association

The policy itself will be implemented by Freenet or its vendors in accordance with best practices. This will free parents from trying to play the roll of network engineer and ensure, as much as technically possible, that children can use the network in an unfettered and open manner.

Freenet will be funding the \$4.3 Million in network infrastructure required to serve the kids through its technology partners, however, the organization is looking to the City of Lawrence to help support the actual service for the first 5 years of operation. After this time, Freenet will fully fund the Freenet-Kids network through fees charged to paying subscribers.

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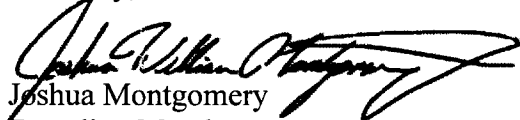
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Freenet is offering several additional incentives to the City of Lawrence as ancillary benefits to the network upgrades:

1. Ownership of multiple strands on the proposed fiber-optic backbone.
 - a. Interconnect city facilities
 - b. Provide connectivity to traffic control signals.
2. Offsite network access for city workers.
3. Remote access for the police department for officers, patrol cars & equipment.
4. Free access to public library resources for the entire community.

To be successful with the project, we are going to need your support. I'd like to encourage you to throw your support behind the project and let the city commission know that you believe in building a community where kids have access to an Internet that is safe, secure and universally available.

Sincerely,



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