Increasing Importance of Digital Access

The Digital Learning Policy Center is a division of the Alliance for Excellent Education and serves as a proponent of effective applications of technology in schools. They created the Digital Learning Day which is a nationwide celebration of innovative teachers and effective applications of digital learning in America’s schools. Their goal is to assist policy makers in developing technology options for student at achieve at their highest potential. The next Digital Learning Day is scheduled for February 5, 2014. So mark your calendars now but there is something you can do now to support digital learning.

The Alliance for Excellent Education has created a “99 in 5” Petition which challenges policymakers to connect 99 percent of America’s students to high-speed internet access within the next five years. Remember how frustrated you were the last time you couldn’t connect to the internet because you had no cell phone service or because your home connection had failed? Far too many of America’s students and teachers go through that every single day at school. In today’s fast-paced global economy, all students and teachers need to be connected to the world of learning that the internet provides. Currently, however, far too many are stuck with slow connections or no connection at all.

All students should be afforded access to robust digital learning through streamed video, online courseware, virtual field trips, consistent data usage, as well as safe and reliable connections to appropriate internet research. Without a basic broadband infrastructure, the potential of digital learning will go unrealized.

Add your name in support of the Alliance's "99 in 5" petition--an urgent call for policymakers to act swiftly to connect 99 percent of America's students to high-speed internet access within the next five years.

You can sign the electronic petition by visiting this site: http://99in5.org/

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