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Honorable Karin Brownlee  
Senator, Kansas Statehouse  
121-E, Statehouse

Senator, I wanted to be sure that you had some recap of my conversation with Phil Elliott at USD 230, Spring Hill prior to our report to your committee tomorrow morning.

Phil described to me concerns going back over the past three to four years expressing frustration at not being able to connect the Spring Hill district to the Kan-ed network. This, despite what he and others were hearing at state meetings where Kan-ed was described as meeting the connectivity needs of schools when a district asked for such service. He was being told by the telecommunications provider in his area, that he could connect to Kan-ed, but that it would require a separate circuit and a cost of about \$1000 per month. What was desired was a single integrated solution that would provide for seamless connectivity using the district's existing infrastructure without adding an additional circuit. In telecommunications parlance, this identifies what is known as Layer 3, describing routing within and between individual networks.

The resolution to this problem is contained in part, in the report that we will hear tomorrow morning. The telecommunications provider (AT&T), as we understand, has been unsure of the direction Kan-ed would be going with specific standards for such connectivity, and was reluctant to move in one direction or another until this consolidation study was complete.

In the mean time, I have spoken further with Eldon Rightmeier about measures that could be taken to accomplish what Phil is wanting for his district. I will keep you posted on what comes out of those conversations between AT&T and our technical staff at DISC and KanREN.

I know how very difficult it is to remain patient with this process Senator, I will do all that I can to accelerate it through these steps.

Thank you again for your continued leadership.

All the best,

  
Hal Gardner  
Executive Director, Kan-ed

cc: Reginald L. Robinson, CEO and President