



March 22, 2010

RE: Google Fiber for Communities – Round Rock, Texas

Dear Google:

On behalf of the Round Rock Independent School District, I am writing in strong support of the City of Round Rock's submission to be among the communities selected for Google's fiber optic trial.

Our school district has roughly 43,000 students who attend our four high schools; nine middle schools; 30 elementary schools; one ninth grade center; and two alternative learning centers. Our students' test scores rank among the elite in public education and 12 schools in the district have been named National Blue Ribbon Schools. In addition, there are more than 73 languages spoken throughout the district. We are constantly revamping our curriculum to prepare students to meet the future demand of the workforce, with specialized high school academies and Career and Technical courses that explore emerging and innovating technologies, and the application of those technologies. There is a tremendous talent pool in our community that could help foster development of next generation apps and other high-tech experimentation.

There are many positive applications of super-fast internet, from enhanced Web-based learning opportunities for our students to expanded interactive software applications.

You will find strong communitywide support for Google Fiber if the City of Round Rock is chosen to test the ultra-high speed broadband network. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jesús H. Chávez, Ph.D.
Superintendent