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Clara County the Superintendent of

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ndent of public education doctor Mary Angela ahn actually personally

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to 267,000

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0 students in the County.

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Santa Clara promoting

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the affordable offers in three different languages

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And we have available community based organizations

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to provide assistance in signing up.

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We have the opportunity to share with

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the California Department of Education Superintendent Germans

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Digital Divide task force last Friday

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the experience that we often have with trying to assist

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low income families in signing up for affordable

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offers the Public Utilities Commission is

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written to the ISPs several other elected

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the big city mayors

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have an education coalition and the ISPs while having.

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stepped up during this

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crisis need to, I think work more closely with us and

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just do a little bit more we need to have

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advertising of the free offers an

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affordable offers that they can then transition to

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we. Know from the advertising of very

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small amount that we have done this year and

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add will run particularly if it's in Spanish in

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on television and immediately we get called. So we wanna try to step up.

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A promotion by the Internet

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service providers of their

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free introductory interim offers an affordable

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offers and have the state agencies also promote

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those available offers to get as many

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people signed up as possible.

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Excellent, thank you Sonny

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y for that and just to wrap up the member briefing

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I will give a very brief update on what Department

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of Technology is doing and thanks to the great

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work and leadership by Stephanie Tom. Ann and her colleagues

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such an and joes an elevation model who overseas

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the California account net contract the Department

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of technology was able to convey a couple

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of checkins with all of the Internet service provider.

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only get feedback from

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them as well as ideas and suggestions on how to

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best support the state in general in responding

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to the pandemic both in a broadband aspect

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as well as closing the digital divide

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such. As donations of equipment to

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Daria an community that needed to most. So I also want to take

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this opportunity to thank all of those ISP

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those ISP Internet service providers as well as the

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y companies who have a stepped up.

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And provide those suggestions and

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donations to the state of California in helping to

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a close the digital divide second thing

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that is very exciting. And it's working progress

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So by the time we have the meeting in July

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not only were going to have a much longer full blown meeting

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but, I'm hoping that would be able to showcase is

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to everybody as well is

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is again, under. Leadership of Stephanie. Tom as well as working with cpuc

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see we have the state.

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A geoportal are in

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the process being updated to reflect the various

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WiFi hotspot. That is provided

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I know many of the members from this council

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Annan others and cpuc have all contributed to

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o that. So thank you for you guys this

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idea and the taking

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the initiative, it's hard work ahead. I heard from

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he state Geo geographic information.

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Some officer this is really hard work, what what

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I get myself into but I know it's gonna pay

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w it's gonna pay off an so hopefully by the time we enter

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w July will be able to showcase that map

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With everyone. So with that, that concludes

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the council member update I want to get back to a

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question that was asked specifically to Christina

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Ann. Thank you. Robert for your patient on that

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So mycological Henry off the question. The question is Christina are

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e you working with any federal agencies on the Tribal broadband?

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Issues.

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So to answer

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that question right now we're more focused on making sure

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that Tribal governments are getting the resources they need for the federal stimulus

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packages to be able to make those decisions for

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themselves because those are going. To be.

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Major capital investment

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projects with not easy solutions

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And so we're trying to make sure that

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Tribal governments are able to make those decisions

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as they get resources through these stimulus packages. And so

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that's been our major focus and also making sure

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that tribes are equipped to face

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the current issues. I think beyond the Covid emergency.

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We will be engaged in more discussions

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about how to get more of that capital

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into California given that.

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know, the issues here are

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are different from anywhere else and that

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tribal lands here are kind of

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have in a unique situation with especially

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the number of Tribal.

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A government that we have in the state. So

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the short answer is that right now we are

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working more closely with some of the public health agencies

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Bureau of Indian affairs and a couple

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other agencies to meet the near term.

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Ability goals of Tribal governments and

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partner as best as we can on that as well as

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work with Congress to

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help ensure that trends are not getting left out of anything that

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is a priority in the immediate term to take. Care of the health

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and safety of Tribal communities in terms of

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capital investment projects that may take years to accomplish

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and completely overhauled infrastructure I think that's something

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ng that is at the top of mind as we get out of

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this immediate.

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Fred of Covad.

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Thank you Christina for that

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t I'm going to add a see if

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any of the council member have any comments from the previous

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update.

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If you do go ahead and unmute yourself

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we have a couple minutes before we go into

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the presentation face of the meeting.

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My stuff sorry, this is Mina Service

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I just wanted to offer i'm not sure who asked the question on

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on the Tribal governments, but we

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do have a limited staff but we do have staff that use

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focus, right. Now on helping the tribes.

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Access particularly wanna

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make sure we can help them with

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applying for the spectrum, that's been opened up

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to them at the FCC. And so

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I'm not sure if the question was somebody who's looking.

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For any sort of technical assistance that we could we

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rtainly I hook up they can contact our

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office and we can try to facilitate that.

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Thank you Martha, and

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Martha. and I think it was our audience live audience asking the question

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So if there's any follow up on that feel free

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to go ahead and submit it through the Q and A

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and also a reminder to our live audience

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we do have public comment period towards the end

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as well. But feel free to submit your question in the mean time. So we can

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get you all tied up separately just very

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that wanted to also call to Trish

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sh Kelly who send a note to all of the council member earlier.

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Thank you Trish Continue Partner and

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d advocates and thank you for joining this life event.

00:42:40.027 --> 00:42:43.177 All

right, let's go ahead and

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move to our presentation portion of

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the meeting and start with the Department of

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Education Mary Nicely Senior advisor to the strip

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intendant of public instruction.

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Hello, can you hear me?

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Yes. Thanks sorry. I think I ran into maybe

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the same issue that Martha did and

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I was messaging my colleague Jerry Winkler

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to let him know that when we were evacuated out of our

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building yesterday. I forgot my video camera

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So apologies for that it was very

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hot and we had no power, so they sent us all out

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So we've been very busy at the Department of

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t of Education dealing with digital divide issues that.

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It came upon us very quickly

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And so and we are so appreciative of the Department

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of Technology and cpuc for really partnering

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with us. And in our top my

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colleagues at CDE that day to day jobs were not

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calling thousands of school districts every day to find out

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how many laptops an hotspot

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devices, they need needed and so

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we fell into

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a crisis.

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That was very evident

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that the students that we were connecting at

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school were, no longer connected when they got home

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And so we're very fortunate to have had

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the very first donation come in

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from T mobile for 100,000 hot spots and

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those have shipped out in the last two weeks and due to

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the worldwide shortage of computing

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devices we are catching. Up now in able to start.

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Making use of the actual donated

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funds that came in through the California bridging

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the digital divide fund. And so we've been able to ship

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out over 21000 laptops in the last few

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weeks an hoping that with

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the Castle funds we can pick up another 20

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000 and put use

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the other funds that have been donated to us so I think

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nk it's been mentioned and recently.

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By Sonny that we

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the Superintendent seeing the urgency of need

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decided to pull together a digital

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divide task force made up of a number of

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legislators because we know we have to tackle this from all

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angles. And so he

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is Co chairing his digital divide task force

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with Senator Leyva. He has senator

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McGuire some member would add your Curry.

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And Santiago

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and Garcia. So I think you're all familiar with them because they

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have all been working on issues surrounding the digital

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divide for quite a quite awhile and that is

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why they were selected to join the Superintendent

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on this task force and. If you saw his

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media check in this morning one of

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the big reasons that this was formed was to

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have a concerted effort to have

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legislators and others.

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Trying to

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solicit she put it.

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As bluntly as possible more

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funding for devices

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And also to gain their expertise

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on the policy end of what they have been trying to

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do for all of these years.

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Egg Yolk Curry and a

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wooden McGuire. I'm sure you all over where have very

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rural areas that need infrastructure and have

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been trying for awhile to get this to happen

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And so we're working with them

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on plans and I know we're all going to be working

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together. So I'm very grateful that this, unfortunately, we're not going

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to let this crisis crisis will be hopefully a

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silver lining that is making it a priority

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for everyone to come together because we know it's not just

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our. Students that need.

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Be connected their families need to be connected

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and vice versa. So we need to be able to bring in

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healthcare and public safety and banking

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an E D D and everyone else that

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knows who was left out when it came to this

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digital divide. It's like it's so far families are connected

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our kids are connected if our kids are connected or families are connected. So this

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is a really important thing for us

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We have our infrastructure problems that we

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e are dealing with that we're also focusing in on.

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Be affordability and once again

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we've been really fortunate fortunate to see have

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the cpuc step in and to help our schools

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who are in pretty desperate need

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right now of assistance in financing these hotspots

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because we with. The budget

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looking the way it is we're going to be taking probably in 19 billion

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nineteen billion dollar cut to education so any help that we're getting we're so

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to continue with our distance learning

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as we try and figure out how to reopen.

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Are schools, but we are

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also as sunny mentioned. We've

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had three hearings in just over five

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weeks with our ISPs who, you know have really

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y been actually really great partners in this, we might

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eat them up every now and then but they've also been

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extremely. Helpful and generous and trying

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to figure out how to work with us to get people

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e ability to access these low income.

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Services that are out there, but it's not perfect yet that they

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have they are giving us liaisons to work with for specific

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communities that continue to run into barriers and

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accessing their services. So we've been very busy

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at CDE trying to work on the digital

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divide in our task force is busily working away

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but we're hoping we can all work in partnership. And that this is

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something that is done in conjunction with

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the broadband council and I appreciate you giving me some time to update you all.

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So with that please take good care

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of yourself up please continue to think about

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the actions that this council can act on behalf

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of, you know the California. And in July and we're going

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to have a very robust conversation in a meeting

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involving everyone from public. Thank you. So much.

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Thank you bye.

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Thank you.