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Morning:

Please find my organization's public comment attached.

Yours in service,

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**To:** CABroadbandCouncil@state.ca.gov  
**Subject:** CA Broadband Coalition Meeting- Public Comment- PIQE

Afternoon,

On behalf of Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE), I would like to kindly request the opportunity to address the council during the public comment portion of the virtual meeting held 12/17/2020.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours in service,

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## Broadband Council Public Comment

### Talking Points

12.17.20

1. Good Afternoon Chair Amy Tong and Broadband Council Members
2. My name is Lucero Chavez, I am the Policy Associate representing the Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE)
3. We are a national organization with evidence-based programs that engage, empower and transform parents to actively participate in their children's education and strengthen the collaboration between parents and schools.
4. This year, through a global pandemic, PIQE has made more than 54,000 calls and sent 40,000 texts to parents in their native languages, assisting families in navigating distance learning, offering digital literacy support and connecting our communities to resources.
5. Despite many of our families lacking access to reliable broadband, devices, and often digital skills, PIQE has continued offering our parent engagement courses online while supporting our communities through these challenging times. This year, PIQE partnered with 180 schools and 6,000 families who graduated from our Parent Engagement and STEM programs.
6. As direct service providers, we would like to elevate the voices of California's students, families, and community-based organizations who now more than ever need additional support to meet their educational, health, and professional needs.
7. In order to ensure that our students and families have accessible, affordable, and reliable broadband connectivity, we recommend you work to:
  - a. Expand coverage within rural, tribal, and underserved low-income communities in order to prevent digital redlining.
  - b. Invest in long-term broadband connectivity solutions that build out future proof networks and infrastructure such as those proposed by Legislators during the 2020 Legislative session.
  - c. Work towards a 1 to 1 student-to-device ratio at all education levels for our low-income Californians so they can connect to the internet
8. Thank you.