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Greetings from the Federal Communications Commission.

On June 11, 2024, the Commission released a Cybersecurity Report and Order (WC Docket No. 23-234) establishing a three-year pilot program within the Universal Service Fund to learn more about types of cybersecurity services and equipment that could help K-12 schools and libraries protect their broadband networks and data, while also ensuring that the limited Universal Service funds are utilized in the most effective manner.

The Pilot Program will provide up to $200 million to support cybersecurity services and equipment for eligible schools and libraries. All eligible schools and libraries, including those that do not currently participate in the E-Rate program, are eligible to apply to participate in the Pilot Program. It is anticipated that applications will be accepted in the fall of 2024 to participate in the Pilot and more information about the application filing window will be forthcoming.

The FCC's Cybersecurity Pilot Program webpage includes an overview of the Pilot, an eligible services list, and a Getting Ready Guide. The FCC and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), the administrator for the Pilot Program, will host training sessions on how to apply and participate in the program. You can sign-up here to receive USAC's Cybersecurity Pilot Program emails that will include announcements about these trainings and other deadlines for the Pilot.

If you have any questions or would like further information about the Pilot Program, please reach out to the Office of Native Affairs and Policy (ONAP) at Native@fcc.gov.

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