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**Subject:** FCC Seeks Comment on the Schools and Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program

Greetings from the Federal Communications Commission.

On November 13, 2023, the Commission released a [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) (NPRM) seeking comment on its proposal to establish a pilot program to learn more about cybersecurity and advanced firewall services that could help K-12 schools and libraries protect their broadband networks and data, while also ensuring that limited Universal Service funds are utilized in the most effective manner. The pilot program proposes to provide funding to eligible K-12 schools and libraries to defray the costs of qualifying cybersecurity and advanced firewall services to protect their broadband networks and data from the growing number of school and library-focused cyber events. As proposed, this pilot program would provide up to \$200 million over three years, and would be funded through the Universal Service Fund (USF), but budgeted separately from the Commission's other USF programs.

The comment deadline for the NPRM is January 29, 2024, and the reply comment deadline is February 27, 2024.

If you would like to file comments, you may file them using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System ([ECFS](#)), under proceeding WC Docket No. 23-234.

We look forward to receiving your comments about the FCC's proposed Schools and Libraries cybersecurity pilot program, and how it could help Tribal schools and libraries protect their broadband networks and data.

If you have any questions, please reach out to ONAP at [Native@fcc.gov](mailto:Native@fcc.gov).

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