

FCC Chairman Pai's Visit

On August 22, students in the Kane School District had a unique opportunity to visit with FCC Chairman Ajit Pai during an electronically broadcasted class from Valley High School to Lake Powell School. I also had the opportunity to present to Chairman Pai how the Kane School District uses internet connectivity to improve educational opportunities for our students. The presentation included the following items:

- Kane School District is more than one device for each student.
- We use the internet to stream 13 live classes between our schools.
- High school students have access to college classes where they can earn their associates degree while they are in high school.
- Kane Digital High school allows for students to access classes online and allows for students to move through the curriculum at their own speed.
- Students receive American Sign Language (ASL) services from the Utah School for the Deaf and Blind, which allows for the ASL instructor to connect through an iPad directly to the student's classroom.
- We provide Wi-Fi access on three of our travel buses and students can access other school networks when they travel. Students can also use their school device to connect to the community's internet thanks to South Central Communications.

Chairman Pai has reached out to Kane School District and requested additional information relating to our district's use of the internet in the educational setting. The Chairman tweeted the following comment:

"Grateful to @uennews, @GrandCountyHS, and @KaneSchools for sharing how broadband has enabled students across rural Utah to have richer educational opportunities! Especially enjoyed speaking with Lake Powell students for whom instruction via videoconferencing was essential."

I would like to thank Chairman Pai for taking the time to talk to our students about how the internet continues to level the playing field for students in rural areas.

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